

# The Baptist Record

...THY KINGDOM COME...

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## HOLLANDALE BAPTIST CHURCH DEDICATED



At the eleven o'clock hour, Feb. 15th, the Hollandale church dedicated its building, free of debt, to the Lord and His work. Rev. B. W. Walker of Forest, Miss., preached the dedicatory sermon. Rev. J. B. Smith, the pastor, offered the dedicatory prayer. Mr. Paul Holland, chairman of the Board of Deacons, told of the erection of the building, and thanked all for their response in paying the church out of debt. The cancelled notes with receipt of recorded payment were displayed before the large congregation present for the dedication.



REV. J. B. SMITH

The building was begun during the pastorate of Rev. B. F. Whitten, and completed under the leadership of Rev. B. W. Walker. Following Bro. Walker, came Rev. E. L. Douglas. These three men were invited to be present at the dedication.

At a church meeting in January, with the pastor as chairman, the entire amount of the indebtedness was raised, and the debt fully paid. As Hollandale, and the church grows, the church expects to add more to its \$35,000.00 building and have more to dedicate in the future.

—BR—

You can best show your love for your mother by helping the needy children who have been left to face life without a mother's love or a mother's care. Honor her by sending an offering to the Baptist Orphanage on Mother's Day.

**VARDAMAN:** Bro. R. B. Patterson of Longview Heights Baptist Church in Memphis is to be with us in our meeting, April 26-May 3. We will appreciate the concern of all who love the Lord and lost men. He is a great man to work with and we are glad to have him coming back even to work for a short while in our state.—Carmen Savell, pastor.

"Christian Missions in Today's World," by Dr. W. O. Carver, professor of comparative religion and missions, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. This volume contains the addresses of Dr. W. O. Carver, delivered at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary under "The Holland Foundation." Certainly no Baptist educator known to us is better qualified to discuss missions than the great author of this volume. The price is \$1.50.



At the left is a picture of the new Hollandale Baptist Church which was dedicated, free of debt, on February 15th. Rev. J. B. Smith is pastor.



## REPORTS FROM MISSIONARIES IN WAR ZONE

**Report From Hong Kong:** A cablegram from Dr. Beddoe, dated April 11, brings the following encouraging news: "AMERICAN ESCAPED HONG KONG CONCENTRATION CAMP DECLARES RANKIN AND PARTY IN GOOD HEALTH MARCH 19.—ROBERT BEDDOE, STOUT HOSPITAL."

**Report From Canton:** A cablegram from Dr. Beddoe, dated April 8, reads: "HAYES PARTY (Canton) AND CARLSON FAMILY (American Swedish missionaries in Canton) ALL WELL. ERICKSON (American Swiss missionaries) AND FAMILY INTERNEED HONG KONG. PAY HAYES INSURANCE. INFORM GRACE SNUGGS HAROLD (Snuggs in Shanghai) WRITES BUSY AND WELL, SENDS LOVE.—ROBERT BEDDOE, STOUT HOSPITAL."

**McMillan In Soochow:** H. H. McMillan arrived in Shanghai the end of November en route to Soochow. It was not known whether or not he had (Continued on Page Seven)

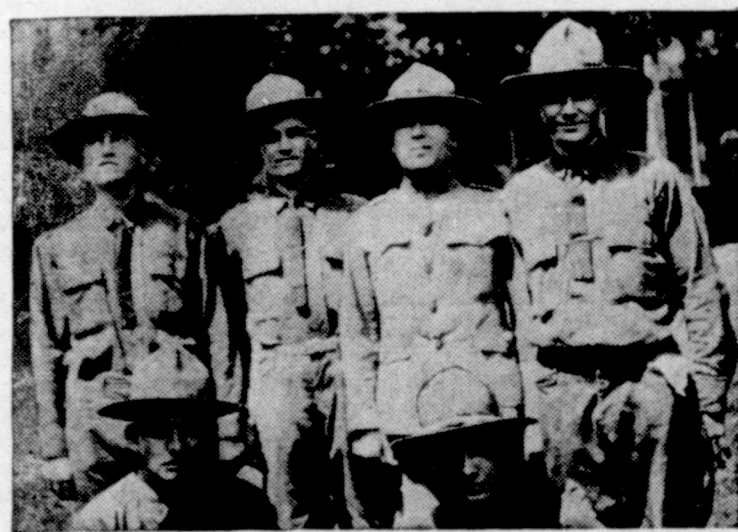
## MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS ON THE MARCH

Mississippi Baptists in multitudes are giving hilariously as suggested by Paul to the First Baptist Church, Asia Minor, 60 A. D. (see II Cor. 9:6-7).

You will note the following comparison for the first fifteen days of April:

	Co-Operative Program	Miscel.	Now Club & 5M Club	Totals
1942—April 15	11841.22	17603.81	6196.96	35641.99
1941—April 15	9291.10	11654.37	2052.23	22997.70
Gains	2550.12	5949.44	4144.73	12644.29
Total receipts for all April, 1941, were as follows:				
1941 April	13755.79	17074.76	3424.31	34254.86

## WHEN SHELBY FIRST BECAME A CAMP



This picture appeared in the Times-Picayune, published in New Orleans, September 30, 1917, and as usual, history repeats itself. Again this picture appeared in the same paper, issue of Sunday, March 29, 1942.

This snapshot is of the first six enlisted men ever assigned to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, as they arrived there August 5, 1917, from the quartermaster School of the Southeastern Department which was held at Porter's Military Academy, Charleston, South Carolina.

These men are left to right, standing, Corporal George L. Lightsey, now an officer in the First National Bank, Laurel, Mississippi; Sergeant O. P. Parkman, Ninety Six, South Carolina, present whereabouts unknown; Sergeant Alexander M. Gerds, co-owner Gerde-Newman Wholesale Grocery, New Orleans; Corporal Fred R. Langley, present director Soldiers' Service and Defense Projects, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, Miss.

Mississippi. Kneeling, Sergeant Gibson Stevenson, now an officer in the Houma Bank, Houma, Louisiana, and Sergeant Harry C. Ferrell, now an official of the Standard Oil Company, New Orleans, Louisiana. Langley, enlisted June 11, 1917 as a private first class by A. W. Barry, captain Philippine Scouts Retired, and was discharged March 22, 1919, with rank of quartermaster sergeant, by Frank D. Ely, colonel, U. S. A. commanding officer 29th Infantry. (Brother Fred Langley shown in the above picture is the only authorized person representing the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board from the Board office in soldier work over Mississippi. He is giving his spare time to it gratis as his health will permit.—DAMCC.)



## NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB  
A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

HONESTY • LOYALTY • VICTORY

### I

Dr. Truett, in a sermon, first called our attention to a verse of Scripture that has meant much to us in warning and example.

"Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Judges 5:23.

God's people wrestle with gigantic problems, real enemies. All lovers of the Lord are to throw themselves into the battle. They are not to fight one another, but the enemy.

"Like a migh-ty ar-my, Moves the Church of God Brothers, we are treading, Where the saints have trod;

We are not DI-VID-ED; All one bod-y we,  
One in hope and doc-trine, One in char-i-ty."

"Onward, Christian sol-diers, Marching as to war,  
With the Cross of Je-sus, Go-ing on be-fore."

Mississippi Baptists are more and more practicing this scriptural cooperation: "For we are workers together with Him." II Cor. 6:1.

### II

"A little leavings leaveth a big lump of leavings," is a misquoting of scripture. It also suggests a misunderstanding of a program of progress and victory.

An "occasional" Baptist has said, "Do away with the certificate."

Another has said, "Do away with the seals."

Others have said, "Let the field men go."

A few have said, "The six months campaign should not save been put on."

Not a few have said, "Why the NOW CLUB CAMPAIGN anyhow?"

If we had taken those suggestions we would still owe over one-half million dollars for bonds, instead of \$416,000. If we had followed such poor advice we would be struggling to pay the semi-annual interest, instead of expecting to call \$121,000 of our bonds, PLUS paying that interest (less in amount than it would have been).

Mississippi Baptists press on to Victory! We do!

### III

You will be glad to know pledges to the Now Club reached \$300,000 in March. They still come in. However, to be on schedule we should have had the original total of \$542,000 pledged months ago. Had this figure been working we would have paid half of the original total by now, rather than just \$126,000 plus interest.

### IV

A group of visitors on the grounds of the Vatican were being shown the sights. The guide pointed out some splendid poultry stock—cockerels and hens. Proudly the guide pointed to one stately looking hen, saying, "Her lineage runs away back directly to the cockerel that crowed at the denial of Peter.

A practical-minded, "show me" Missouri farmer stepped up saying, "One thing I would like to ask you—does she lay eggs?"

Mississippi Baptists want simple, practical, workable, fruitful New Testament plans! The Now Club has proven to be such!

A swift bit of repartee flowed at one recent conference following that story. Everybody seemed to enjoy it.

A brother surmised, "feed her something to produce a shell, else you will lose the egg." True! Another brother said, "grit will do that."

Mississippi Baptists do need some grit—meaning determination.

We observed that in some instances we have too much shell—hard shells. We do not refer to a denomination, but folks, in our group sailing under false colors.

Sometimes we have a perfectly good shell, but

## IN GOOD FAITH

The Source of American Ideals

Think of the men and women who first came to America and the Book which they brought with them.

Here was a people coming to a new and unknown land, knowing little of the hardships which faced them which would send many of their number to an early grave, but knowing much about the desire for liberty of conscience.

Poor in the world's goods, as they were, they yet possessed a great treasure from which both they and their children would bring forth such riches of the soul as to build a singularly precious society. We call the society American democracy, and the treasure which built it the Holy Bible.

The Bible was no dead Book to them. It was a living reality and it had the message for their times—as indeed it has for ours, too. They valued it so highly that they learned Hebrew in order better to understand its meaning. By 1750 Hebrew was studied at Harvard where such future leaders of American thought as Ezra Stiles and Cotton Mather pondered long and lovingly over the ideals set forth in the Holy Scriptures. One day they were going to proclaim them as the inspiration of the gradually forming American nation.

The legal codes which our fathers adopted to govern their early communities were profoundly influenced by what the Bible said about human relations. The Mayflower Compact of 1620 was based almost literally on the Old Testament. The New Haven Code of 1639 drew at least half of its provisions from the same source.

Thus the pattern for American life was formed. Justice, fair-dealing, love of one's neighbor, liberty of conscience, equal rights—these were the ideals which our fathers held before them. They were the ideals of the Bible—their great living reality.

Later they were to be translated in terms of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. And when the Liberty Bell was rung, inscribed on it were the words of Leviticus, "Proclaim liberty throughout the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof." It was the message of the Bible to America, and to all the world. The living Book for every generation! The living Book for this age, when spiritual regeneration is our greatest need, hatred and injustice two of our greatest enemies.

WM. C. KERNAN.

### BR

The Sunday School Digest of Kansas City, Mo., is the newest Digest to reach our desk. It is what the name implies, and we have found it most interesting. It should be very helpful to Sunday school workers. It is issued monthly, has sixty-four pages, and is bound in covers of attractive two-color design. The subscription price is \$1.50 per year.

something is wrong inside—Reader! you finish it! Anyway, Jesus wants fruitful Christians who will reproduce spiritually, in kind.

### V

So far as this office is concerned, we have no idea of a change from the Now Club plan for paying off our bonded indebtedness. It is a good plan. We are making progress under its operation. It would do more, if more people operated it, and allowed it to operate on them.

Many feel Mississippi Baptists have been too quick in changing plans. We have not only "swapped horses in the middle of the stream," we have done it in the desert, on the mountain, and in the plain.

Let us not be unstable! Let us push ahead. "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." I Cor. 15:58.

### VI

In taking up \$121,000 of our bonds June 1, next, we save not less than \$45,000 interest.

We saved over \$16,000 interest on 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, and 1947 maturities called last December.

The June call includes 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1951 maturities. The farther we go the more we save. After this June call we have left the following maturities:

1952, \$35,000; 1953, \$40,000; 1954, \$52,500; 1955, \$52,500; 1956, \$51,500; 1957, \$52,500, and 1942, \$11,000. Grand total balance, \$291,000!

## Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

### "COURAGE TO QUIT"

Many a time a preacher needs the courage to quit. This has more than one application. He should have the courage to resign, if circumstances plainly indicate that he has an unreconcilable situation in which his continuance will only increase the difficulty. Such an act should not be a sudden impulse, but a prayerfully reached conviction.

A preacher should have sense enough, sometimes, to discover that he is embarking upon a venture that is not wise. If he reaches such a conclusion, he may suffer some embarrassment by dropping the whole thing, but it is better to stop something once started when developments prove that it is unwise than to press on to a much unhappier conclusion.

Then there are times when a preacher needs to quit doing some things that his public demands that he do. Not infrequently a preacher is called on to do a great many things in the church and in the community that it would be far better if someone else did them. He is harming himself and others by being willing to bear burdens that others should carry.

Not infrequently it takes more courage to quit than to go on. Courage is a spiritual quality that preachers almost daily need. If a preacher can have courage and sense, he is richly blessed of the Lord.

### BR

## DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR FOR MAY

Evangelism.

Cooperative Program.

Now Club Roundup.

B. T. U. Secretary Visits Associations.

Y. W. A. Focus Week, 10-17.

Hospital Day, May 10.

Southern Baptist Convention, San Antonio, 16f.

W. M. U. Annual Meeting, San Antonio, May 14f.

Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.

Emphasis on R. A. Camp.

Y. W. A. Focus Week, May 10-17.

Study, "The Way of Missionary Education," by Miss Mather.

Mother's Day Cash Offering for Orphanage, Second Sunday.

State B. S. U. Spring Retreat, May 1, 2, Legion Park, Louisville, Miss.

Ridgecrest Reservations for B. S. U. Week.

## DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR FOR APRIL

Evangelism.

Cooperative Program Causes.

B. T. U. Secretary Visits Associations.

S. S. Training Course.

S. S. Convention, Brookhaven, 28, 29.

W. M. U. Convention, Meridian, 7-9.

Now Club Emphasis.

Associational Evangelism.

Vacation Bible Schools.

Christian Literature and Church Libraries.

Fellowship Offering.

Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.

## DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION?

Secretary McCall reminds us that enrollment cards for the use of messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in San Antonio, Texas, May 16-20, 1942, may be obtained from his office. Just a postal card from each person desiring an enrollment card, or cards, will do the work. The address is,—D. A. McCall, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss.



# Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

Jesus said, "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH." Mt. 16:18.

"A good thing to remember,  
And a better thing to do,  
Is — work with the construction gang,  
Not with the wreckin' crew."

## I

Jesus remembers,  
He remembers you—  
Other friends may fall you,  
He is always true.  
He will heal your broken heart  
Burdened with regret,  
He remembers you.  
Jesus still remembers  
When the world forgets—  
He remembers you.

## II

"And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

"And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon and the piece whereupon it rained not withered.

"So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

"I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

"I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

"I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet ye have not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

"Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.

"For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The Lord, The God of hosts, is His name." Amos 4:6-13.

The nations need to return unto God. Israel needs to turn to Him! China needs to turn to Him! Britain needs to turn to Him! America needs to turn to Him! He will hear, and forgive, and cleanse!

On a trip around the world—on English ships—our party could not gain permission to use a place for morning watch! Some Christian ladies started some hymns in a salon and a steward stopped them. Space for cards, drinking, dancing, but none for Christ—save at the formal hour—11 a. m. Sunday. We pray for our ally—Britain!

Our America needs to turn from unbelief, atheism, Sabbath desecration, liquor drinking, lust, profanity, and other sin.

We love America—the name, the flag, the ideals, the people.

We want to see her saved and safe.

We do not care to see her saved for lounge lizards, licentiousness, liquor hounds, gambling joints.

We want her saved for God, the Church, Christian home, righteousness, decency, happiness, to be a blessing to the world.

## III

Evangelist E. D. Estes is still doing an all-round

work in the matter of our Lord Jesus, as indicated in the following paragraph:

"The Old Ham Baptist Church, Tishomingo County, has not accepted a quota in our Now Club work, so I sold them Certificate No. 129 for fifty (\$50.00) dollars and I hope to bring in \$17.00 on said certificate which will give them the Faith seal and will help to take care of June payment.

"I am preaching twice daily, teaching Intermediates a book in B. T. U. work each afternoon, and the Adults 'The Outlines of Bible History' in Sunday school work each evening before preaching service. Good interest."

## IV

A ministerial student from Clarke Memorial College expresses his appreciation of the Evangelistic Conference in the following statement:

"I wish to express my deepest appreciation to you for the opportunity of attending the Evangelistic Conference held in Clinton. It was the most inspirational meeting I have ever had the privilege of attending. It meant more to my Christian life than words will ever express. I hope I will be, and am sure I can be, of more service for my Lord and my Saviour.

"I thank you, and may God bless you and keep you ever near His side.

"Yours in His service,

"JESSE YOUNG."

## V

We need a concentrated, consecrated, consistent, persistent, faithful church membership that has something inside in a spiritual experience that will impress the world with its intrinsic value, its real worth.

## VI

Some years ago in revival services in one of our fine churches we were privileged to have a conference about spiritual matters with a young girl. Her experiences have been varied through the years and now the hand of the Lord is leading her to work with a fine group of girls constituting a "Soul-Winning" Band.

The following excerpt from a letter is self-explanatory:

"We had our first meeting last Friday afternoon and it was raining hard, and had been all day, but I had thirteen girls at my house and we planned everything we aim to do.

"I let them select their name and everything else—here is the result:

"Name: 'WFC' (Winners for Christ).

"Theme song: 'Lead Me to Some Soul Today.'

"Motto: 'Each One Bring One.'

"Scripture: 'Matthew 28:19-20.'

"Aim: 'Win Others for Christ.'

"They selected officers and we had a devotional. I believe we can grow with God's help, and the help of the parents. Please pray for us. Your prayers will mean so much.

"Brother McCall, we would like to have as many copies of the following tracts as we may have: Brightening Up Heaven; When Shall I Give My Life to Jesus; Do You Want to Be Saved?; God's Way of Salvation; Why Join a Church; Excuses, and The Word of God on Strong Drink."

Since receiving this information we have talked with this young girl and find that four have accepted Jesus as their Saviour since the organization of this band. Doxology!

## VII

We thoroughly enjoyed a week of services with Pastor W. M. Fore, and other saints of Prichard, Alabama. Only about once a year do we "step out" of the State for such work. We knew Brother Fore in Mississippi College days. He and Mrs. Fore are leaders of fine spirit. The church is in a place of unusual opportunity and is doing good work. The Lord blessed us with several additions but much remains to be done.

## VIII

The W. M. U. Convention, Meridian, was largely attended. Misses Traylor, Robinson and Mrs. Rice saw that a good program was prepared. It was an inspiration to see the great gathering, hear the reports, and have even a small part in it.

The Regional Conference of Pastors and Deacons at McComb, Brookhaven, Sardis, Clarksdale and Indianola were well attended. A fine spirit prevailed along with helpful questions and discussions. Psalms 133. John 15.

## NOW THAT IT CAN BE TOLD

Dr. P. I. Lipsey

I think it was Sir Philips Gibbs who wrote a book with that title. It was about conditions in the first World War, which could not be told till years after. John wrote his gospel after practically all those mentioned in it were dead. He told about Peter cutting off Malchus' ear. It would not have done to tell it while Peter lived. It would probably have gotten him into trouble.

Here is an incident in our mission work in Mississippi that is permissible to tell now, and I hope will be helpful. Back in the eighteen hundred and eighties there was a Baptist preacher living in Vicksburg who did a lot of mission work in what we call the Delta. His name was H. D. White. He was born in Kemper county, was pastor for a while at Utica and then, locating in Vicksburg, was a missionary in the new country opened up largely by what was then the L. & M. V. R. R., though called originally "Louisville, New Orleans and Texas Railway." He was at the time over fifty years old, had a long beard that fell down on his chest, wore a "stove pipe" hat and a "long tailed" coat. He was six feet high and didn't weigh one hundred pounds.

Preachers were scarce in those parts. He was invited to preach in a little country church in Bolivar county, by the name of Refuge, though the boys called it "Pop Apple Chapel." It was three miles east of Beulah, and in winter could be reached only on the back of a mule. He found the church "in the wildwood," a little boxed house with very crude seats, and rather small congregation. But they were prosperous farmers. He preached for them on Sunday and they immediately called him.

Before he had opportunity to accept or decline, a gentleman rose and said, "Mr. White, we have called you, but it is better for us to have a good understanding." This gentleman was a Colonel D—s, not a member of the church, but a bellwether in the community. He continued, "Our people are a little different. Our men believe it is all right to take a drink when they wish, and you may think that at Christmas they take a little too much. But that is their affair and you needn't say anything about it. They play poker and it won't do any good for you to take notice of it. Our young people have their dances and you needn't say anything about it. We will pay you promptly, and pay you every cent we promise. But we do not expect to be called to account for our way of living. We had just as well understand this in the beginning."

While he was speaking Brother White was sitting on pins and wriggling like a fish. When the speech was concluded, he reached for his two-story hat, arose and said, "My friends, I think you have picked the wrong man for pastor. I am not in the habit of taking orders from anybody but the Lord." And he walked out the door alone.

When he had gone, the people looked at one another in astonishment. When they had gotten their breath, they said, "Look here, we've got to have a preacher. Go call him back in here, and tell him to preach whatever he wants to preach." He came back and preached for them for several years. And he told them what was what about drinking and gambling. I can give you the names of the "leadingest" members if you want to know.

—BR—

## A NOTE TO ALL BAPTIST DEACONS

The Southern Baptist Convention will meet in San Antonio, Texas, May 16-20. The deacons themselves, as far as possible, ought to attend the Convention and, by all means, they ought to see to it that their pastors go. Nearly all of the city churches put the expenses of their pastors to the Convention in their budgets but this is not the case with the small town and rural churches. Please let the deacons serve the one who tries to serve them in spiritual things by seeing to it that their pastors get to the Convention.—Alabama Baptist.

—BR—

The more we talk about the Mothers' Day offering for the Orphanage, the more money will be contributed when the offering is taken. Is it asking too much when we request that you give the proceeds of one day's work to help make life worthwhile for the children? There are many who can and will give more than this amount.



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### A FRIENDLY WARNING

We have seen it before, but recently we visited a small town church and saw the following poster on the wall:

"BETTER MAKE YOUR OFFERING ACCORDING TO YOUR INCOME, LEST THE LORD MAKE YOUR INCOME ACCORDING TO YOUR OFFERING."

That is just another way of saying, "Let every one of you lay by him in store AS God hath prospered him."

We remember two deacons, one stingy, one liberal. Both were merchants. One gave as God prospered, or according to his income. Another gave as if he had no income.

When we first knew them, each one was fairly well off. Both were good business men and both had stores enjoying good trade.

Today the stingy one is almost out of business. Loss after loss has been his lot for the last few years. God seems to be trimming his income to fit his giving.

The liberal one seems to have the King Midas touch. His business has prospered and enlarged and enlarged again. Other property has been acquired and all of his family have prospered. If any member of the stingy deacon's family has accumulated anything it has been kept a secret.

YOU JUST CAN'T CHEAT GOD.

—BR—

### THE FLYER PRAYED

"I could see giant sharks and barracuda all around me. I was terrified and expected to feel their teeth sink into me any minute.

"Believe me, I prayed then like I never prayed before, and they all swam past me." (From Associated Press dispatch describing a flyer's experience.)

Another Associated Press dispatch quotes a Philippine officer as saying, "There are no atheists in the fox holes of Bataan."

We commend the fallen flyer for praying in time of danger. The dispatch indicates that he had prayed on other occasions. We also commend prayer to non-flyers and non-fallen flyers. Don't wait until death shoves you in the face. Don't wait until death shoves a shroud at you. Prayer should be made when the sun shines, when health is good, when danger is absent.

Don't pray just when trouble comes. Start now and keep it up. Then if trouble or danger should come, prayer won't be a novelty nor seem so strange.

—BR—

### CONVENTION REPORTS SHOULD BE PUBLISHED BEFORE CONVENTION MEETS

It is true that some reports cannot be prepared in time for publication in the state papers before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. BUT it is also true that some committee reports, and probably most Board recommendations could be published a few, and in some cases, many weeks before the Convention.

Our Convention is still a democratic Convention. Every one in theory can have his word. But who among us is so brilliant or gifted that he can read (while listening to a speech, etc.), either a long or short report, usually with a few or many recommendations, and be prepared immediately either to speak wisely and well or to vote sanely and sound.

It is true that our committees and Boards are made up of good men and true, but Baptists resent having a program handed to them and being asked to act at once. If given a little previous notice Baptists would at least feel better about any action taken.

Convention-appointed committees could and

should prepare and publish their reports several weeks before the Convention meets. Our Boards should public their recommendations two or three weeks (sooner if possible) before the Convention.

For instance, we understand that one of our Boards is meeting this week. They will probably discuss the recommendations to be presented at San Antonio. Why not take the folks at home into their confidence? Let the folks at home know about contemplated actions. Then those who go as messengers will know something of the feeling the folks at home as they prepare to vote.

After all, we should consider all Baptists. We have heard the complaint mentioned above, not a few, but many times.

—BR—

## Our Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR

By this means we hope to give our readers a cross section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

### A REMINISCENCE

Jas. B. Quin  
Summit, Miss.

Back on the old farm home where the writer grew up was a beautiful hole of water. It was a perfect fountain about 10 feet in diameter and possibly from two to eight feet deep. It was known to the members of our family and to every one in the community and to many in the adjacent communities, as the "Old Blue Hole." It derived its name from the color of its water—so clear that it seemed blue. Just above this fountain was a spring coming right out of the heart of the earth. Just below, flowing from the fountain was a beautiful little stream of pure water that emptied itself into the river that ran hard by.

This fountain was known by every one in the community, and by many in the adjacent communities as one possessing water of an inestimable value. Its water was as clear as a crystal, cool, pure and wholesome. It cooled the lips and throats of many farm hands, the cattle and little birds from the fields and forests near by. How refreshing it was to the tired and worn laborer that was privileged to visit it. It was known everywhere for its attractiveness. Many of us were fond of visiting it that we might sit by its side and feast our eyes upon its beauty. It was the dream of many of the sick. Those with parched lips longed for its cooling waters.

It was unselfish. It gave of its water, not only to those whose privilege it was to visit it, but to the river that flowed close by and on and on until the great ocean was blessed thereby. It seemed to say to those who came for a drink, "Yes, I am here for you, but not for you alone, but for a whole world as well. I give of my water that it may join the water of other fountains and bless the world."

Now, to me, this is a striking picture of the church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is a fountain of living water that flows into it from the very heart of God Himself. He is the eternal source of living water—life-giving water. Jesus said to the sinful woman at Jacob's well, "Whosoever shall drink of the water that I give him, shall never thirst, but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (Jno. 4:14). This water that springs up into everlasting life is the possession of the church. She has received it from the everlasting fountain which is above. It has beauty incomparable; and is transparent, revealing God in all His beauty—the beauty of perfect holiness. It is pure, coming from the very heart of God. It is wholesome, producing and maintaining spiritual health. It is satisfying, in that it cools and slakes the burning thirst of thirsty souls. It is healing, in that it heals the hurts of sin-afflicted and sin-sick souls. It is comforting, in that it turns sorrow into gladness and offers peace to the restless. It is restful, in that it offers a place of rest for tired men and women. It is unselfish, in that it proposes to cover the earth with its blessings. Think of the blessings that the church has in her possession for this old sin-cursed world.

In this day of chaos when literally millions of

people everywhere are disturbed in heart and soul, and are without food and raiment and enduring indescribable suffering. This time when men's hearts are being tried, possibly as never before; when men need courage, conviction of right, comfort of soul and honesty of action. What an opportunity does this afford the church to speak afresh the words of Jesus, Who said to His disciples in the midst of the storm, "Be not afraid, it is I." In this hour of storm, men need to take Christ in the boat with them that they might make the voyage safely.

In this day of restlessness, when this world seems in search of a place to pillow its tired head, what an opportunity the church has to extend our Lord's invitation, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." In this day when the home and old-fashioned family are breaking, the church must offer the only remedy that God has ever given or will ever give. The president of one of the world's greatest banks said not long ago, "Only Jesus can save the world." He was right. The church has the message that can save this world—the message of Jesus Christ who came to seek and save the lost everywhere, and establish peace in the hearts of men and bring about good will among men. WITHOUT HIM ALL IS CHAOS.

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## OUR SELECTED EDITORIAL

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

### A WORD TO THE LAYMEN

Let all laymen who can possibly do so attend in person the Southern Baptist Convention which will meet in San Antonio, Texas, May 16-20. The laymen of our churches should attend our Conventions as often as it is possible. They should be heard on the floor of the Convention for their wisdom is greatly needed in the prosecution of all of our affairs.

### Send Their Pastors

Let them also be sure that their pastors attend the Convention. Many of the pastors of the smaller towns and rural churches will not be able to attend unless their laymen are thoughtful enough to raise a purse to help them along the way. Let them be sure to show their appreciation of their pastor and his work and the pastor's gratitude will be great and will be expressed in a greater service and sacrifice for his people.

Please do not forget this matter. All that is needed is for some good man to mention the matter, and others will gladly join in and the amount will be easily raised.

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### THE PASTORS AND THE CONVENTION

The Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in San Antonio, is at a greater distance from Alabama, we suspect, than it has ever been before. The Convention should be largely attended by laymen, by the women and even by the young people. But, in addition to these, certainly many of our Alabama pastors ought to attend. There is nothing that a pastor can do which will give him so much information as to the general work and greater inspiration than attending the Southern Baptist Convention. Meantime, the churches of Alabama ought to remember that many of the pastors will be unable to attend, who ought by all means to go, unless they are helped along the way by their congregations.

The most of the larger churches put in their budgets amounts sufficient to send their pastors to such meetings but this is not true of the vast majority of the small-town and rural churches. Hence it is that thoughtful and appreciative friends of these pastors ought to be sure to provide the finances for the trip.

When this is done the churches will be repaid by reason of the extra information gained on the part of their pastors and by their appreciation of the thoughtfulness of their members. All that is needed in any of the churches is that two or three thoughtful people mention the matter to others and they will find how easy it will be to raise a purse sufficiently large for the expense of their pastors.—Alabama Baptist.



MINISTER'S RETIREMENT PLAN OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD

(Continued From Last Week)

36. Q. Do benefits from the Ministers Retirement Plan take the place of ordinary life insurance?

A. No. The major purpose of ordinary life insurance is to benefit the family if the minister dies before retirement. The major purpose of the annuity is to benefit the minister and his family if he lives beyond retirement. Neither one takes the place of the other.

37. Q. How does the Ministers Retirement Plan benefit the church?

A. First, it is a method which enables the church to carry out the decree of the Lord that "They which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Second, in case the minister breaks down mentally or physically, or becomes too old to carry on his wife, the church can retire him gracefully and with a clear conscience before God.

38. Q. Who is eligible to join the Ministers Retirement Plan?

A. Regularly ordained ministers actively engaged in serving one or more churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, and whose state convention has inaugurated the plan.

39. Q. If a minister has not joined the Retirement Plan, is he eligible to share in the benefits therefrom?

A. No.

40. Q. How can a pastor join the Ministers Retirement Plan?

A. His State Secretary will send him application blanks for himself, and agreement blanks for his church or churches. The matter should be voted on by the church in conference.

41. Q. Does the Annuity Board require that applicants for membership in the Ministers Retirement Plan undergo a medical examination?

A. No.

42. Q. Do the young men, by joining the Ministers Retirement Plan, help to solve the pension problem of the older men?

A. Yes. When the young man joins, the 3% paid by his church and the 2% paid by the Convention go into a state group fund. From this state group fund is taken a sufficient amount of money to pay pensions of the older men. But the young man should keep in mind that all dues paid by him go to his own credit, and are not used to pay pensions of the older men, and in due time, when the young man has become old, he will benefit from this same group fund.

43. Q. If a minister is a member of the (Old) Annuity Fund, can he participate in the Ministers Retirement Plan?

A. Yes, and he ought to do so.

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44. Q. If a minister has kept no accurate record, and cannot tell exactly what his salary has been in the past, how is he to answer questions concerning the matter?

A. He should do his best to give as accurate a record as possible.

45. Q. If a young man 30 years of age is eligible to join the plan, but delays participation until he is 35, how much will his pension be reduced upon his retirement at 65?

A. Supposing his salary to average \$2,000, his pension ordinarily would be \$1,000. But on account of his failure to pay dues from age 30 to 35, his pension would be reduced from \$1,000 per year to \$734 per year. Each case must be figured separately.

46. Q. If a young man should enter the ministry five or ten years after the inauguration of the Ministers Retirement Plan, and should join the plan promptly when he accepts his first church, would his pension be reduced because he did not join the plan when it first became operative?

A. No. Such a young man would be joining as soon as he is eligible to do so and his pension would not be reduced.

47. Q. What is retirement?

A. Retirement means that a minister has resigned from regular work and no longer receives a salary.

48. Q. Can a minister do any kind of work for pay after he begins to receive his annuity?

A. Yes, he may hold occasional meetings, do temporary supply work, and other such labors, and receive pay therefor without endangering his annuity.

49. Q. If a member dies before retirement, what becomes of his 3% accumulations?

A. If a minister dies before retirement, withdraws from the Baptist ministry, or takes up work outside the Southern Baptist Convention, his 3% accumulations (dues and interest credits) are returned to him, his beneficiary or his estate.

50. Q. Should a church continue to pay the 3% dues while it is temporarily pastorless?

A. Yes, just the same as it continues to contribute to Home and Foreign Missions while it is temporarily pastorless.

For application blanks and literature, write Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Ministers Retirement Department, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

Send all contributions from church and pastor to this same address.

A BAPTIST FOUNDATION IN MISSISSIPPI AS ADVOCATED BY BROTHER C. J. OLANDER

By J. W. Lee

If the reader has not read carefully what Brother C. J. Olander had to say about a Baptist Foundation in The Record of April 2, I hope he or she will do so before reading what I have to say before.

Brother Olander says, "The excuse for the existence of such a foundation would be to administer all trust funds committed to it in such a way that it would be to the best interest and profit of the institutions and agencies it served." Does he mean to say, or even imply, that all trust funds now in the hands of our Boards are not being administered to the best interest and profit of the institutions served? If so, I resent it deeply. I speak as a trustee of Mississippi College. Trustees and officials of the other colleges (for they are the ones in charge of trust funds) can speak for themselves. We have not wasted a penny. Every cent can be accounted for. All funds have been invested at a maximum profit. Our books are open to any interested Baptist. The auditor's reports are public property. We have been weighed in the balance and NOT found wanting.

We have been faithful stewards of the Lord's money. If Brother Olander wants to turn us out of our stewardship and commit the Lord's money to others, he should give better reasons for doing so than he has given in the article referred to. I take no credit to myself for the honest and efficient management of the endowment funds of dear old Mississippi College. All the credit is due to our consecrated, efficient president and our wise investment committee. I resent any kind of insinuation that they have not been faithful stewards and therefore their stewardship should be given to others.

In answer to the question:

"Who would have Charge of the Foundation?"

Brother Olander says: "It has been suggested that nine consecrated, capable and successful business men (laymen) members of cooperating Baptist churches, would constitute the director." Note: He says, "It has been suggested," etc. Some of us have looked on this proposed foundation as Brother Olander's baby. Can it be possible that the entire idea of a Baptist Foundation was "suggested" to Brother Olander by one or more who has an axe to grind?

He further says, "The directors are to secure the services of a consecrated, capable business man as secretary." Brother Olander evidently has some special consecrated business man in mind. I suggest that he tell us who this fine layman is and have him tell us what salary he will expect; what the rent of his office will be; what the approximate cost of postage and stationery will be, and what will be the salaries of his stenographer and bookkeeper. His bookkeeper will have to be really efficient and such a one cannot be secured for a small sum. The Saviour advises us that we count the cost before we undertake a task.—Luke 14:22-32.

This is no time for Mississippi Baptists to set up another agency requiring a highly paid secretary and an expensive office force. Our task now is to pay the debts we incurred without counting the cost. If we had counted the cost perhaps we would not have made our debts as large as they are.

Brother Olander further says: "I am fully convinced there is a need for such an agency and I am not alone in my view because many other Mississippi Baptists who have made a study of this matter think this an opportune time for such a movement." Some of the rest of us have been doing some studying also since the Meridian Convention, and we have reached quite different conclusions from those who have been conferring with Brother Olander. Both groups cannot be right.

Quoting Brother Olander again: "An agency of this kind would be in a better

position to keep in touch with the investment field and to make a study of investments." This reasoning does not appeal to me as it does to him, because I am sure the investment committee of our Boards are composed of men in just as close touch with investment fields as anyone Brother Olander has in mind.

He further says: "This foundation would be composed of experts in the field of investment instead of a committee from each Board of Trustees." May I ask: Who is going to select these experts in the field of investment? Does not the nominating committee of the Convention nominate the personnel of our Boards? Pray tell me how it can be that the nominating committee will have wisdom enough to select "experts" for a Baptist Foundation, but can only select "mediocres" at best, for our College Boards? Away with such an idea. Away with the plain implication that our nominating committees have been placing inefficient business men on our College Boards, but that if we only had a Baptist Foundation these same nominating committees would put "experts" thereon. Brother Olander quotes, evidently with his endorsement, from Brother George J. Mason: "We are witnessing the passing of large estates and men of means. In the next generation men of means, now so common, will be rare specimens to be looked upon in our museums with wonder and amazement."

By what sort of reasoning does Brethren Mason and Olander reach such a conclusion? Do they not know that wars multiply millionaires? Was there ever a day when the federal government was pouring into Mississippi the immense amount of money as now, through the building of reservoirs, army camps, air bases, bag loading plants, aviation fields, army cantonments, etc., etc.? All these multiplied millions will not take wings and fly away when the war projects are things of the past. Much of it will be in our banks to the credit of Mississippi depositors. The money may not be equitably distributed, but it will be here. Some will have more than their share but it will be here. It may not be in the hands of those who will give it to advance God's cause, but it will be here. Most of the rich will be richer and many will be rich when the war is over, who were comparatively poor when the war started. The prophecy of Brother Mason, no doubt shared by Brother Olander, that "in the next generation men of means will be rare specimens to be looked upon in our museums with wonder and amazement," is not based on either experience, observation or reason. Yes, we are going to have a depression, but depressions ruin only those who are in debt. It helps financially those who are out of debt because what they have, has a greater purchasing power. May I pause here long enough to say to my younger brethren—pay debts now. Do not make them. If you have to eat corn bread and drink branch water in order to live without making debts, pay the price.

I am basing my predictions that the war will multiply the number of rich men on the assumption that the United Nations win. If Hitler wins there will be no trust funds for "experts" or anyone else to administer.

Brother Olander concludes his argument in favor of a Baptist Foundation thus: "Many Mississippi Baptists are ready to make gifts now. The Baptist Foundation would be in a position to take over these gifts and administer (Continued on Page Twelve)

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PLEASANT RIDGE CHURCH WILL CELEBRATE ITS CENTENNIAL

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, founded in 1842 with nine members, will celebrate its centennial Sunday, June 7, according to the pastor, Rev. E. S. Hall, and C. A. Smith, chairman of the program committee.

The church is located in the hills of Mississippi, a few miles south of Dumas, in Tippah County, just over the county line in the County of Union, and is about twelve miles northeast of New Albany.

In 1864 the original building "fell down" and the congregation worshipped in a school house until a new building was erected in 1867. A tornado swept this building away in 1920, and the present brick-veneered structure was built in 1921.

From nine members in 1842, Pleasant Ridge Church has grown to a present membership of five hundred twenty-seven.

Many prominent speakers, including some former pastors, will be on the program, which will be announced later.

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GREENVILLE, First Church: Our Sunday School has shown a steady growth. Last Sunday showed a gain of sixty-seven over the previous Sunday, and thirteen over the same Sunday one year ago.

HOLD THOU MY HAND

Hold Thou my hand, my way is rough and steep,  
Fear oft besets the path my feet must tread;  
Dark is the way, my heart is filled with dread,  
Thy power alone can keep.

Hold Thou my hand, for strength on Thee I call.  
As on I go show Thou to me the goal;  
Faith, strength and courage place within my soul,  
To stumble not nor fall.

Hold Thou my hand, Thy way I know is best;  
Though clouds oppress, reveal Thy light to me;  
Each step I take I trust my all to Thee,  
And find by faith sweet rest.

— ERNEST O. SELLERS,  
Baptist Bible Institute,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

—BR—

ARCOLA: During the past six months Arcola church has contributed \$152.17 to the Co-operative Program.

Rev. Wilson Hogan, who is in school at the Seminary in Louisville, Ky., will begin his pastorate at Florence and Star in May. He will live at Florence.



## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

### The EVERY FAMILY Plan

I have for some time thought I would write an article on how I succeeded in getting all my churches to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan. I



GUY A. LITTLE

I had a deep conviction that no Baptist could be the leader he or she should be without reading the official Baptist organ, The Baptist Record. Then when I began leading churches, the early conviction was greatly intensified.

If I were asked the reasons why I am such an ardent believer and wholehearted supporter of The Record I would give the following things: First, I was brought up on The Baptist Record. My parents always saw to it that the best of literature was available to the children. I can't recall the time when The Record was not a weekly visitor to our home.

In the second place, I want to keep up with our work, not only in the state, but throughout the whole length and breadth of the world. I know of no other source where this information can be gotten better than our paper. I want to say here, if we are to lead, it is necessary for us to read. I worked for a man once who was a great chicken fighter and fancier. I noticed he took every paper and magazine he could get along that line, but didn't get a single religious paper. I could very readily see why he was more interested in fighting game chickens than in his church.

The third, and last reason I would give is that The Record is a very good assistant pastor. A preacher has more time to preach the word of God, because his people will have the work of the denominational program in the paper every week of the year. I attribute my success in getting ALL of my churches to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan to one main reason. 1. I am a red-hot, dyed-in-the-wool believer in the EVERY FAMILY Plan, and was to some extent, able to transfer the enthusiasm and spirit to my people. 2. Because of the fine cooperation and willingness on the part of the deacons and congregation to follow the leadership of the poor servant of God. I want to say I couldn't have done it without the EVERY FAMILY Plan.—Guy A. Little, Pinola.

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### Clarksdale

Although Pastor Stewart was called to Memphis because of sickness, he had made good preparations for the Conference, and sent his right-hand man, Deacon Beck, to see that everything was O. K. We heard many good reports of the work at Clarksdale, and the deacons from other towns represented all seem to be in love with their pastors.

Coahoma County Baptist Record readers are now listed as follows: CLARKSDALE 106, Farrell 1, Jonestown Misc. 1, JONESTOWN 35, LULA 21, LYON 30, Lyon (no ch.), 2, Union Chapel 3.

### Leland And Greenville

Having a few hours between meetings we dropped in at Greenville and Leland. We heard nothing but good words about the work at both places. At Leland Dr. Leavell was in high gear over the installation of chimes, which were a gift to the church, and about which an article will appear in a later issue.

Washington County now has Record readers listed as follows: ARCOLA 46, Glen Allen 1, GREENVILLE, SECOND 30, GREENVILLE, FIRST 171, Greenville Misc. 1, HOLLANDALE 103, LELAND 173, Percy 1, SWIFTWATER 15, Tralake 1.

### Indianola

One of the very best meetings we have held was the one at Indianola. Deacons, Sunday School superintendents and pastors were there. Pastor Hickman and his good ladies did everything needed for a successful luncheon meeting. The work at Indianola is going in high gear, but it is to be expected with Brother Hickman as pastor.

Sunflower County Baptist Record readers are now listed as follows: Bethany 2, Blaine 9, DODDSVILLE 17, DOCKERY 14, DREW 97, FAIRVIEW 31, INDIANOLA 114, INVERNESS 65, Inverness Misc. 1, MOORHEAD 68, New Hope 10, Parchman 1, Rome 5, Roundaway 9, RULEVILLE 66, SUNFLOWER 59.

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### Every Family Churches Score Again!

In a recent bulletin of the First Baptist Church at Canton appeared a list of the eleven churches in Cooperative Program gifts for last year. Naturally, the larger churches would give a larger total than churches with a smaller membership. But when we figure the per capita gifts for each one of these churches we find the standing as follows:

1. Canton	\$ 3.79
2. Tupelo Calvary	3.46
3. Leland	3.30
4. Hattiesburg, First	3.27
5. Vicksburg, First	2.86
6. Greenwood, First	2.17
7. Meridian, First	1.87
8. Brookhaven	1.66
9. McComb, First	1.64
10. Jackson, Calvary	1.60
11. Jackson, First	1.53

It will be noted that of these eleven churches with the largest total gifts to the Cooperative Program, seven are EVERY FAMILY churches, and two others have good lists, making nine out of the eleven outstanding Baptist Record churches.

The seven EVERY FAMILY churches averaged \$2.34 per member; whereas, the four non-EVERY FAMILY churches average \$1.89 per member.

THE BAPTIST RECORD MUST HELP.

### McComb

Continuing the series of conferences, Secretary McCall and the editor were privileged to meet with the Southwest Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference at McComb. After the brethren had enjoyed a delightful lunch served by the Fidelis Matrons' Class of the First Church, the two visiting brethren had a heart to heart talk with the pastors and deacons present. This is one of Mississippi's best Pastors' Conferences and a visit to them always means a delightful time. At present they are making great plans for the assembly, which is to be held at Percy Quin Park the first week in July.

Pike County subscriptions are now listed as follows: FERNWOOD 29, First Church, McComb 33, Central Church, McComb 16, EAST McCOMB 62, MAGNOLIA 77, Summit 5, Progress 1, PRICEDALE 39, Union Church 5, Friendship 22, Silver Creek 2, Bluff Springs 1.

### Brookhaven

Pastor S. H. Jones and his good women had really prepared for the Conference at Brookhaven. As it was the first night of the revival we were privileged to have as a guest at the Conference Dr. R. L. Holmes of Texas, who was to lead them in a revival meeting.

It is marvelous to see how Pastor Jones and his workers do so much. They are now making plans for the Sunday School Convention, which meets there April 28-29.

Lincoln County now has Record readers listed as follows: NEW PROSPECT 35, HOLLY SPRINGS 33,

### CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

#### CALLED AND ACCEPTED

Roy S. Anding, Gage, Okla.  
Leonard Arbuckle, Holly Grove Church, Walter Hill, Tenn.  
W. D. Arms, Osoee Church, Benton, Tenn.  
J. Wade Baker, Rich Square and Woodland Churches, N. C.  
J. M. Banther, Arnett Church, Okla.  
J. E. Barnes, Jr., First Church, West Point, Miss.  
G. E. Bartlett, First Church, Columbia, Mo.  
Harry Beckman, Shelbyville Mills, Ky.  
T. S. Boehm, First, Lakeland, Fla.  
H. H. Boston, Central Church, Muskogee, Okla.  
Chesley L. Bowden, First Church, Ripley, Tenn.  
Albert Bowley, Pond River, Bethel Association, Ky.  
J. J. Bowman, Chaplain, United States Army.  
B. F. Bragg, Group of Churches, Garrett Co., Md.  
Charles M. Brewer, First Church, Trenton, Fla.  
Shadrack Brooks, Manifest, La.  
Dillard Brown, Clearwater, Tenn.  
L. A. Brown, First Church, Dalhart, Texas.  
Wm. Marshall Burns, Milton, Fla.  
DeVoe Byrd, Urania, La.  
E. B. Campbell, Crowder and Canadian, Okla.  
J. R. Cannon, Clito, Temple Hill, Oak Grove, Ga.  
J. A. Cave, Mountain Creek Church, S. C.

#### RESIGNED

H. O. Tidwell, Acmar, Ala.  
E. L. K. Tune, Oak Grove Church, Manchester.  
T. L. Ulmer, Heath Springs, S. C.  
Cecil Underwood, Pembroke, Ga.  
Fred Walker, Troy and Roellen, Tenn.  
Archibald Ward, Towson, Md.  
C. L. Warren, Nimrod Hall, Va.  
R. W. Waterman, Folkston, Ga.  
Allen West, Bagdad, Ky.  
E. W. Westmoreland, Cleburne, Tex.  
Chas. T. Whaley, Weatherford, Texas.  
L. E. Wharton, Jasper, Ala.  
A. F. Whitehearst, Butler, Okla.  
W. P. Wilkes, Brent, Ala.  
John W. Williams, Elida, New Mexico.  
S. B. Wilson, Dover Field, N. C.  
Freeman Wright, Jonesboro, Tenn.

#### DIED

S. E. Brown, Anstead, W. Va.  
James A. Clark, Monroe, Ga.  
W. M. Coile, Winterville, Ga.  
F. T. Cox, Columbia, S. C.  
L. D. Craddock, Lynchburg, Va.  
Wm. Alexander Forbes, Lewisville, Ark.  
Haskell Franklin, Avenstroke, Ky.  
W. T. Graves, Baptist Hospital, Jackson, Miss.  
A. C. Hanna, Atlantic City, N. J.

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**SUNDAY, MAY 10th, IS MOTHER'S DAY.** This is the day when all of our Baptist people are expected to make a liberal cash offering for the children of the Baptist Orphanage. It is not too early now to begin to make plans for this offering by giving this information to your church, Sunday school, Missionary Society and other departments of your church, urging them to keep this date in mind and be liberal with their offering when the opportunity is given to make same.

BOGUE CHITTO 54, Bogue Chitto, Rt. 3, 1, BROOKHAVEN 336, Brookhaven Rt. 2, 4, Brookhaven Rt. 1, 1, FRIENDSHIP 21, HEUCK'S RETREAT 53, Macedonia 1, MT. PLEASANT 36, Mt. Vernon 1, Pearlhaven 4, Topisaw 1, Bethel 1, PLEASANT GROVE 33, Montgomery 1, RUTH 32, Little Bihalia 3, FAIR RIVER 22, MT. MORIAH 60, NEW SIGHT 21, Wellman 2, CLEAR BRANCH 20, MOAK'S CREEK 27, GUM GROVE 48.

### Sardis

All of our Conferences have been good, but certainly, Sardis was one among the very best. The brethren were there from all around. Pastor Middleton and his good ladies served a meal that was fit for a king or a preacher, or a deacon.

Panola County now has Baptist Record readers as follows: BATESVILLE 31, COMO 18, COURTLAND 13, Courtland Rt. 1, 1, CRENSHAW 34, Curtis 18, PEACH CREEK 55, POPE 20, Sardis 25, LONGTOWN 10, White Oak 4, Tocomo 2, LIBERTY HILL 53, Lock Station 1, Enon 1.



REPORTS FROM MISSIONARIES IN WAR ZONE  
(Continued from Page One)

reached Soochow until a bulletin from the Northern Presbyterian Board in New York brought the following news quoted from a letter dated January 13 from one of their missionaries in Shanghai. The letter was sent to Kunming and forwarded from there by air mail: "I made the last trip to the station (Soochow) at the end of November. Mr. McMillan had just returned from U. S. and went up with me. He, Dr. and Mrs. McDaniel and Miss Groves are the only foreigners there. We have not heard from them."

**Letter from Beddoe:** A letter from Dr. Beddoe dated February 13 and received April 14 brings a heart-rending appeal for relief:

"Yesterday I sent you the following cablegram: 'Economic crisis must quadruple support or dismiss preachers cable 5000 indicating approval stop direct contact Shantung missionaries as usual.'

"Trust this was clear to you. But you could hardly understand the acute distress among our native workers; those employed by the mission as well as by the various Baptist Associations. The price of rice is the controlling factor of other costs. Normally rice costs about \$20.00 Mex per 100 pounds. Yesterday the cost was \$171.00 per 100 pounds. With the pitiful salaries our preachers and Bible women receive they are unable to buy two weeks' supply of rice for one person. What must they do the other two weeks, and what must they do about rice for children, and what must they do for wood, for vegetables, meat, shoes, etc., etc.? They are all in rags. They cannot send their children to school. They cannot even have one full meal for the family per month. How in the world can a man give any thought to his job when his family is slowly starving? It is simply an impossible situation and one that must be immediately met.

"Besides, there are numerous preachers usually supported by special gifts. Then the Leung Kwong and East River Associations are completely cut off from any self-support—which came mostly from Canton and Hongkong. Are we to see these workers all dismissed or see them starve? I say NO. We should not lose a single worker and furthermore we should give them enough pay to enable them to give some time and thought to spiritual matters. Furthermore, we should employ every Baptist worker who escapes from the coast into this section."

**Missionaries at Pochow, Anhwei:** A letter from the State Department reports receipt of a telegram dated April 2, 1942 from the American Embassy at Chungking, China, stating that "C. O. Springer of the China Inland Mission, Taiho, Anhwei, reports Miss Attie T. Bostick and Miss Barratt of Pohsien, Anhwei have been returned from internment at Kweiteh to Pohsien where they are confined to their compounds." Our readers will recall that Miss Barratt was moved from her station at Pochow to the Lutheran Compound in Kweiteh. Miss Bostick has been located in Kweiteh since the fall months.

**Concerning Hayes in Canton:** A letter from Mr. George M. Kelley of Kelly, N. C., and Canton, advises that he has had a letter from Mrs. Todd of the Todd Clinic and Hospital in Canton, China. Mr. Kelley says, "She gave news about Mrs. Kelley and your missionaries as well. Dr. and Mrs. Hayes were unwell when she wrote. She was confined for one day only. Now goes for tea with other missionaries as usual."

Excerpts From Reports of Committee On East Asia:

"Message regarding missionaries in Manila: On April 4th the Presbyterian U. S. A. Board received the following telegram from the State Department: 'DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS COLLECT MESSAGE DATED MARCH 27 FROM STEPHEN SMITH AT MANILA FOR YOU REPORTING THERE ARE NO KNOWN MISSIONARY CASUALTIES AT MANILA AND THAT MISSIONARIES INCLUDING TRANSIENT ARE RELEASED FOR SERVICE ALSO REQUESTS AFFILIATED GROUPS BE INFORMED BY YOU. SUGGEST EVENTUAL REPLY BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH RED CROSS CHANNELS SINCE DEPARTMENT IS NO LONGER IN A POSITION TO TRANSMIT SUCH MESSAGES THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. (Signed) SUMNER WELLES ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE'."

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION MEETS

San Antonio, Texas, May 16-20

By Walter M. Gilmore

The Southern Baptist Convention meets in its eighty-seventh session, ninety-seventh year, in the city of San Antonio, Texas, beginning Saturday morning, May 16, and running through Wednesday noon, May 20. This is a departure from the general custom for many years of meeting in the middle of the week and closing Sunday. Of course it is an experiment.

The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will meet on Thursday morning, May 14, and close Friday night. Preliminary meetings of the Union will be held Wednesday. Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, Plattsburg, Missouri, who has served as president of the Union since it met in Washington in May, 1933, will preside.

Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, will complete his term of office (two years) at this session. One of the interesting features of the Convention will be the election of a new president on Monday afternoon. The past three presidents have been presidents of our theological seminaries—Drs. John R. Sampey, L. R. Scarborough, and W. W. Hamilton. For the first forty-three years of the Convention only preachers served as presidents. Then for twenty-one years only laymen were presidents. Since 1910 only ministers have been elected.

Special Features

Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, or his alternate, Dr. T. D. Brown, pastor of the First Church of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, will preach the annual Convention sermon Saturday morning. The present governor of Texas, Coke Stevenson, presented by Pastor Perry F. Webb, will welcome the Convention. Dr. T. F. Callaway, pastor of the First Church of Thomasville, Georgia, will speak Saturday afternoon on "The Theological Education Now Needed." Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, who is closing his work as superintendent of Evangelism of the Home Board, Atlanta, to begin his duties as pastor of the First Church of Tampa, Florida, will be in charge of the discussion on Evangelism Monday morning. Dr. J. Powell Tucker, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Orlando, Florida, will speak on "The Missionary Challenge of the New South." On Tuesday evening, Dr. George W. Truett, Dallas, Texas, will speak on "The Baptist Witness in Post-War Reconstruction." And Dr. Pat M. Neff, president of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, will close the Convention Wednesday

Commencement exercises at Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, Louisiana, will be held Monday and Tuesday, May 4 and 5. President Edgar Godbold of Louisiana College will deliver the baccalaureate address and Dr. L. E. Green will bring the alumni address. The music department will bring a Cantata Monday night, May 4.—W. W. Hamilton, president.

Word has been received through diplomatic channels that Dr. W. Maxfield Garrott, only remaining Southern Baptist missionary in Japan, is "safe, happy and profitably interned" there. Dr. Garrott is a son-in-law of Dr. W. O. Carver, Sr., of the Southern Seminary. Mrs. Garrott and daughter, Betsy, 2, returned to the United States about a year ago.—Watchman-Examiner.

Jackson First Church has had 56 additions in the last six weeks, 31 by letter and 25 on profession of faith.

morning with an address on "The World Situation and Baptist Response."

Sunday will be devoted to sermons in the churches and to mass meetings in the Municipal Auditorium Sunday afternoon and night in charge of Secretary Charles E. Maddry, of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, and Dr. J. B. Lawrence, of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta. Secretary J. E. Lambdin, of the Baptist Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, will put on a program Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8:00, when the Home Mission program begins.

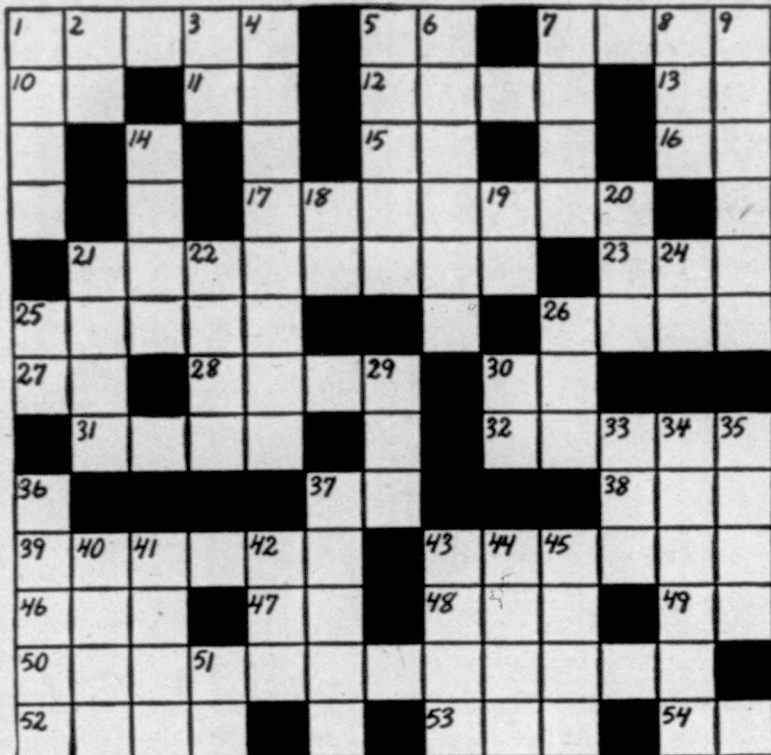
The Committee on Order of Business, of which Editor Victor I. Masters of the Western Recorder, Louisville, is chairman, has provided for a fifteen minute discussion following the presentation of each major item. Microphones will be provided throughout the auditorium for the convenience of those who desire to take part in the discussions. The speakers will be limited to five minutes. This is somewhat of an innovation.

The City of San Antonio

While San Antonio may be "deep in the heart of Texas," it is far off from the center of the Convention territory, and there have been many fears expressed that the attendance this year would be greatly reduced. However, the Convention has never met in San Antonio and many throughout the country will want to visit this far-famed city at this time, with its Alamo, the Shrine of Texas Liberty, and numerous other natural and historic places of interest. Despite the numerous military activities, the people of San Antonio have assured us of ample hotel facilities and fair treatment. You may expect a cordial reception, and you may expect the largest attendance in the history of the Convention, with one or two possible exceptions.



## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."—John 15:14.

OBEDIENCE  
HORIZONTAL

1. "I must work the . . . of Him that sent me," John 9:4.
  5. Hebrew deity.
  7. Jacob's first wife, Gen. 29:16.
  10. ". . . any man wi do his wi," John 7:17.
  11. "If . . . keep my commandments," John 15:10.
  12. "ye shall abide in my . . ." John 15:10.
  13. "Ye have not chosen . . . but I have chosen you," John 15:16.
  15. Plural ending of words.
  16. Lava (Hawaiian).
  17. Mints again.
  21. "Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find . . ." Luke 12:37.
  23. "Ye . . . my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you," John 15:14.
  25. Daughter of Jacob, Gen. 30:21.
  26. Last word of prayer.
  27. "taking vengeance . . . them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel," II Thes. 1:8.
  28. "blessed are they that hear the word of God, and . . . it," Luke 11:28.
  30. "For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is . . . brother, and . . . sister, and mother," Mark 3:35.
  31. "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not . . ." John 11:21.
  32. Howls.
  37. Of (Fr.).
  38. Suffix to form adjectives or nouns.
  39. Jewish queen of Persia.
  43. Make sad.
  46. "Let them be turned back for a reward of shame that say, . . ." Ps. 70:3.
  47. Japanese measure of distance; Northeastern State.
  48. "they would have repented long . . ." Matt. 11:21.
  49. ". . . that day ye shall ask in my name," John 16:26.
  50. "He that hath my . . . and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me," John 14:21.
  52. "are these which . . . the word of God, and do it," Luke 8:21.
  53. Compass point.
  54. Altar of testimony, Josh. 22:34.
- Out text is 10, 11, 12, 13, 28, 30 and 50 combined.

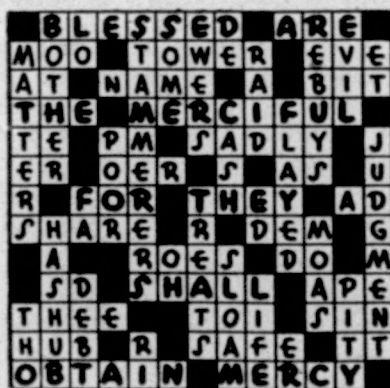
## VERTICAL

1. "not as I . . . , but as thou wilt," Matt. 26:39.
2. "all things whatsoever thou hast given me are . . . thee," John 17:7.
3. Southern state.
4. "and . . . the scriptures daily," Acts 17:11.
5. Resin used in varnishes.
6. Not keeping.
7. "the Father hath not . . . me alone,"

John 8:29.

1. Wine vessel used in early Christian church.
9. "Thy will be done, as in . . . , so in earth," Luke 11:2.
14. "we would know therefore what these things . . ." Acts 17:20.
18. Exclamation of inquiry.
19. No good.
20. Man's name.
21. "even the . . . and the sea obey him," Mark 4:41.
22. ". . . away this cup from me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what thou wilt," Mark 14:36.
24. Second note in sae.
25. "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to . . ." John 17:4.
26. Yes.
29. Dessert.
30. Same as 30 across.
33. "took a chest and bored a hole in the . . . of it," II Kings 12:9.
34. "for I do always those things that . . . him," John 8:29.
35. "And he that . . . me is with me," John 8:29.
36. "Go ye therefore, and . . . all nations," Matt. 28:19.
37. "the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not . . . it," John 18:11.
40. "put off thy . . . from thy foot," Isa. 20:2.
41. Wife of I-wan in THE PATRIOT, by Pearl Buck.
42. Period of time.
43. "he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the . . . is true," John 7:18.
44. "That in the . . . to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace," Eph. 2:7.
45. "not my will, but thine, be . . ." Luke 22:32.
51. Title of respect.

## ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE



—BR—

A church that won't revive, can't survive.

## KNOW YOUR BIBLE

QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR TEACHER AND CLASS  
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What was the name of Naomi's most prominent daughter-in-law? It was Ruth, whose love and devotion to Naomi is found in the first chapter of Ruth. Here we find great consideration and sincerity of heart, when Naomi found in Ruth an unselfishness equal to that of her own.

Were melons mentioned in the Bible, and if so, on what occasion? The common melon and its varieties, including the watermelon, is found in Numbers 11:5, in connection with the feeding of the children of Israel.

What is a landmark? Single stones set on end, or piles of stones

some distance apart, marking the boundary of one land owner from that of another. As they could be easily removed by dishonest persons, a curse was placed on such persons. See Deuteronomy 27:17. Also mentioned in Deuteronomy 19:14; Job 24:2; Proverbs 22:28; 23:10.

Can you describe a mortar and its use in Biblical times? A mortar was the earliest method of preparing corn for bread. The grain was bruised or crushed in a hollow stone, with another stone used in reducing the grain to a powder. See Exodus 1:14; Ezekiel 13:10, 11, 14; Nahum 3:14.

## FROM THE PENS OF GREAT MEN AND WOMEN!

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## DR. SMITH EXPRESSES THANKS

We left the churches at Lyon and Jonestown with much reluctance and with sincere love and appreciation for the many noble Christian characters in both churches. In all the three years we served there, nothing was left undone that would contribute to our personal comfort or the success of the work, and many kindnesses shown us cannot be explained except on a basis of warm personal friendship. We shall never forget the good people of these churches and of Riverside Association. With the kind of cooperation they give, it would be practically impossible not to achieve worthwhile results.

Wednesday evening, March 25, our last day in Lyon, we held joint prayer service with members of both churches present, and at the close baptized two girls into the fellowship of the Jonestown church. After this service, a farewell party was held for the boys of the community, for whom the Lyon church has sponsored a recreation program for the past several months.

The two churches now have designs on one of our very finest young men. Whoever takes up the work there may be sure of the privilege of serving among people who love the Lord and who will do everything humanly possible to make his ministry happy and fruitful.

B. FRANK SMITH.

P.S.—When we arrived late Thursday, we found the table set with a delicious meal and the pantry filled with an abundance of staple groceries, canned goods, eggs, and enough sugar to disqualify me for ration cards for months to come. Additional arrivals Friday included a beautiful pot plant from the florist, milk, butter, and cream, and a change of oil for the car. With these and many other thoughtful provisions for our comfort and welfare are you surprised that we begin our work here with happiness for the present and hope for a pleasant and successful ministry in the future?—B.F.S.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U.  
ATTENDANCE

Jackson, First	1101	282
Jackson, Griffith	778	455
Fellowship, Jasper County	45	
Crystal Springs	363	113
Sunflower	88	
Natchez, West Side	133	77
Newton	264	72
Bethlehem	36	
Jackson, Parkway	452	192
Wallerville	87	59
Olive Branch	102	51
Ellison Ridge, Winston County	105	
Bethlehem, Laurel	71	46
Corinth, First	281	75
Cross Roads, Webster County	67	
Enon, Panola County	98	84
Rocky Springs	20	
Bear Creek, Attala County	51	19
McCool, Antioch Church	28	
Panola	36	
Hazlehurst (April 12)	237	
Newton (April 12)	238	83
Panola (April 12)	47	
Calvary, Jackson	1074	

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**BAPTISTS SHOULD BE READY  
AFTER THE WAR**  
H. H. Hargrove  
Columbus Avenue Baptist Church  
Waco, Texas

Last year an article by this writer, entitled "Missions After the War," appeared in a number of our state Baptist papers and in the June issue of "The Commission." In that article he endeavored to point out the responsibilities for service and the opportunities for a world-wide mission program which will face Southern Baptists after the war and the need for making preparation to accept the challenge. Expressions which have come to the writer since indicate that there is a widespread agreement that post-war conditions will present an unprecedented challenge and that Baptists should do something to prepare to meet it.

World developments during the last twelve months have strengthened the probability that post-war conditions, prophesied in the above-named article, will prevail. In brief, these were set forth as follows: First, after the war tragic poverty and suffering will prevail. The present conflict is so far-reaching in its destructive force that not only homes, churches, mission property, etc., are being obliterated but resources for rehabilitation are being wiped out. Second, after the war unparalleled opportunities for preaching the gospel to the whole world will be presented to Baptists. If the democracies win the war, as we believe they will, it seems almost a foregone conclusion that religious freedom will be a tenet of world-wide relationships and the doors of all nations will open to the preaching of the gospel. People, long oppressed, will be hungry to hear a gospel of freedom. Nations which have hindered or prohibited the preaching of the gospel in the past will swing their doors open wide for the entrance of missionaries after the war. A third condition which will prevail after the war will be a financial depression. Business men seem universally agreed that a slump is inevitable after war-industry has ceased. The entrance of Russia, Japan and the United States into the war since a year ago has strengthened the probabilities that these three conditions will prevail when the war is over.

Now what does this mean to Southern Baptists? First, it means that they cannot escape the necessity of rehabilitating destroyed mission work and answering the calls of human need after the war. Second, if they are ready to take advantage of the mission opportunities which will be presented after the war, they can make more progress in ten years in the spread of the gospel than they have made in the last hundred years. The religious group which is ready in that day to project a mission program in the world can lay a foundation which will make them a world force in a generation. Baptists ought to be that people! Third, it means that Baptists cannot meet the needs after the war or take advantage of the opportunities, unless they gather funds to finance a program before the post-war depression clamps the lid of poverty on the people. Unless funds are gathered during the war they will face the opportunities and responsibilities after the war with empty hands.

What should Baptists do in the face of these facts? There seems only one answer! They should first resolve to accept the challenges and grasp the opportunities which will be theirs after the war. They dare not ignore them. Then they should set themselves to the task of gathering the funds during the war necessary for a worldwide program after the war. Call it what you will—"World Emergency Fund," "World Need Fund," "Human Redemption Fund"—this fund should be gotten together during the war. In spite of difficulties it should be raised! In spite of discouragements this should be done!

Let us not think that such an effort would meet only difficulties. There are some advantages it would enjoy. First,

is the fact that the people in general will have more money from now to the end of the war than they have had for a long time and, perhaps, more than they will ever have again. Second, the spirit of giving is being emphasized and practiced more than usual. Deductions for gifts on incomes subject to income tax stimulates this spirit. Third, many people who buy defense bonds to help the government could be led to donate them to this fund and thus help both causes.

The value of the Hundred Thousand Club effort to get out of debt is recognized in this connection. But this is not enough. If we are out of debt at war's end and have no money ready for a world program the only way we could grasp the opportunity before us would be to go in debt again. Moreover the appeal of the Hundred Thousand Club does not have sufficient challenge for these days and those ahead. That club was an expedient of the depression when it was wise to ask men for \$12 a year extra. That movement was of God and has been a great blessing. But now, with much more money in the hands of the people and with the greatest challenge of all time facing us, that appeal is Lilliputian. Many of our people are now, and will be, making a hundred dollars where they did make ten. They will respond in that proportion to a worthy appeal for world redemption. Let us conserve all of the Hundred Thousand Club effort to pay the debts made after the last war but let us have another appeal to keep from making more debts after this war, either in conjunction with the Hundred Thousand Club movement or separate from it.

This article is written to suggest that Southern Baptists should launch an effort at the San Antonio Convention to prepare for this challenge. A committee should be appointed at the beginning of the Convention to study the matter and report back at an appointed time. Every session of the Convention should pray for that committee and for God's leadership in the matter. In the meantime, let every one who loves this lost bewildered race and Jesus Christ, its only hope, pray for God to lay His will on the hearts of His people.

**"GODSEND TO DISABLED  
MINISTERS"**

Dear Brother,

I wish to again express my thanks for the prompt payment of my retirement annuity. This is indeed a Godsend to disabled ministers, and I just don't know what I would do without this help. I gladly recommend the Retirement Plan to all Baptists.

My condition is somewhat improved, but I fear my days of active service in the ministry are over. Pray for me. If the Lord wills that I shall again become active I will greatly rejoice.

Your brother in Christ,

**"CHAPLAIN JIM" MADE BOW ON  
BLUE NETWORK APRIL 6**

New York—"Chaplain Jim, U. S. A.," a new Monday through Friday daytime serial depicting life in the army as seen through the eyes of a two-fisted chaplain, made its Blue Network debut on Army Day, Monday, April 6.

The series, to be presented in co-operation with the radio branch of the War Department Public Relations Section, to be heard daily from 10:45 to 11:00 a. m. EWT., is scheduled to run for the duration of the war.

With the aid of the War Department research the new serial will tell the story of Chaplain Jim and how he helps to solve the personal problems which arise in the life of a service man in addition to his spiritual perplexities. In dramatic form the broadcasts will show how officers and men seek an understanding chaplain as confidant and present him with their home difficulties concerning wives, mothers, and sweethearts.

**Sunday School Department**

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary  
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

JOHN A. FARMER, Associate Secretary  
Elementary Secretary

**Last Time**

The Sunday School Convention is next week. Therefore, this is the last time we shall have opportunity to mention it in these columns. Brother Superintendent, do your best to be there and have a good group of your officers and teachers there also. And let all pray for the Convention, whether you can come or not. We greatly need God in it.

**Vacation Schools**

May, June, July, August are the months for Vacation Bible schools. That time is now almost here. Many churches have already made their plans for the Vacation school, but many others have not, and will not unless some one helps them. How every church does need this vital ministry during the summer time! For each of the last two years there have been more than 500 professions of faith in Mississippi Vacation Bible schools. They are not revival meetings, but the programs are so fine that they are conducive to the very best.

Brother Pastor, your church needs this; and every church may have it. Any church can have a Vacation Bible school. Whether you have ever had one or not, you can have a fine school. There is a book for each department, and the program for each day for each department is outlined and planned. The workers follow the programs. Get a package of the free promotional literature that tells about the schools—how to start one and how to carry it on. We shall be glad to mail this to any one free on request.

Please do not deprive your boys and girls of this wonderful opportunity for such rich spiritual blessings, especially when the world is in such dire need of all things spiritual that we can give our people. The Vacation Bible school is one great means of helping to do this. Therefore, have one this summer in your church. Remember, any church can have a school if it will.

**Christian Home Week**

The week of May 3-10 is Christian Home Week. The week climaxing on Mother's Day has been set apart each year to give special emphasis to the Christian Home and the place it occupies in our life.

The Sunday School Board has printed leaflets giving a fine suggested program to follow in observing that week. Also, the April issue of the Sunday School BUILDER gives helpful suggestions. That will be a fine part of the work for the Sunday School to help foster that week. It deserves our very best.

**Standards**

These schools have recently become standard: Sunflower, Rev. B. Dolfis Hardin, pastor, W. H. Haile, superintendent; Crystal Springs, Rev. A. B. Pierce, pastor, S. M. Crain, superintendent; Weir, Rev. John B. Laney, pastor, A. B. Covington, superintendent.

Two Adult classes, the B. Locke Davis, Brookhaven, Mrs. S. H. Jones, teacher, and the Homemakers. Magnolia, Mrs. Juanita Page, teacher,

have also joined the standard ranks, and for the first time at that.

The Primary Department, First Church, Meridian, Mrs. J. R. Whitaker, superintendent, has become standard for the 15th year. That is a record we have for no other department and we hereby extend hearty congratulations to Mrs. Whitaker and her fine workers on this noble record. To all these other standard units we say that you have reached a fine goal and we want to see you go even beyond that. Many others should send in their applications right away. Check up and see where you are, and then reach what you lack and join in with this rapidly growing group. It's a fine program for any school, department, or class to strive for. Try it.

**Standard Parade**

Mrs. Gladys Barnette, Intermediate teacher at Mt. Moriah Church, Iuka, writes that her class has adopted the standard as a program of work and thus joins the large number in the Standard Parade.

Another writes: "We are trying to reach the standard for this quarter. All the girls are Christians but none of the boys are. Pray for them. Thank you for your help. The Sunday-school conference inspired me to greater work."

Mrs. Rex Pearce, Wesson, writes: "We are proud of our Intermediate Department. Last Sunday we had 25 present out of 28 enrolled." That is almost perfect! This department has only two classes, one for boys and one for girls, and was one of the first in the state to be standard this year. Mrs. Roy Smith, the efficient superintendent, says they have enrolled EVERY INTERMEDIATE POSSIBILITY IN WESSON! That goes to show that you can have a good department with only two classes, and a standard one at that.

Miss Allie Mae Keith, Hollandale, sends in standard Intermediate class No. 23, for her class of girls. Good for you. It took about three years, but you did it, didn't you? God will bless you for this effort. Don't forget our Intermediate goals: 50 standard classes and 5 standard departments. Send them in!

**A Change**

Point IIIa of the Young People's class standard has been changed so that a class may be standard by basing the quarterly average on the number of Sundays the college is actually in session. That means that week-end holidays will not count against the class in figuring its averages.

WANTED: The names of Sunday schools that have been STANDARD for ten or more consecutive years.—The Baptist Record.

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## Sparks and Splinters

We are happy to report a great day with the Monticello saints the first Sunday in April when we had the pleasure of having two of our missionaries to China, Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Harris, with us. Dr. Harris brought two stirring missionary messages to our church which were happily received by large congregations. He spoke at Carmel Church in the afternoon and Mrs. Harris spoke to the B. T. U. These consecrated servants of God will bring a blessing to any church securing their services.—D. O. Horne, pastor.

We are glad to report that spring has brought not only a greater number to our Sunday School, but also a better spirit for Christians. We ask you all to join us in praying that this will be the greatest church your Spanish Fort has ever experienced.—Louise Coghlan, Secretary.

May 24 is commencement Sunday at Clinton. The sermon before the combined graduating classes of Hillman and Mississippi Colleges is to be preached by Dr. John H. Buchanan, pastor of the Southside Baptist Church of Birmingham. Dr. Buchanan is a graduate of Mississippi College of the class of 1910 and is one of the great denominational leaders in the Southern Baptist Convention. The baccalaureate address for Mississippi College is to be delivered on Monday, May 2th, by Judge W. W. Venable of Clarksdale. He is also a distinguished alumnus and is a son of a former president of the College.—M. P. L. Berry.

Rev. Earl Brooks, pastor of Rocky Creek Church in George County, who was recently called to a church in Missouri, has declined the call and will stay with the Rocky Creek saints.

A pretty home wedding in Clinton on Sunday, April 5th, was that of Sergeant Thomas Grady Goodsen and Miss Frances McCarty, at the home of the bride's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Steve P. McCarty. The bride is an alumna of Hillman College and highly esteemed by friends in Clinton and Jackson. The groom is from Jackson and was on ten days' leave from the army. The ceremony was performed by Dr. P. I. Lipsey.

"The Extension Department of the Sunday School," by Dr. Jos. T. Watts, has undergone its second revision, incorporating all the latest ideas in taking the Sunday School to those who do not, or cannot attend in person. The price is sixty cents in cloth, and forty cents in paper, and may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

The Baptist Record would like very much to have the following 1941 minutes: Benton, Chickasaw, George, Itawamba, Lawrence, Mississippi, Montgomery, Neshoba, Perry, Prentiss, Riverside, Tate, Wayne, Winston, Yazoo and Zion.

From the Western Recorder we learn that Rev. William Alexander Forbes died at Lewisville, Ark., recently, at the age of ninety-eight. He was born at Sartatia (Yazoo County). While he was just a boy his parents took him to Arkansas. He was licensed to preach in 1865 by the Harmony church, in Tennessee, and was ordained by the Washington church in Arkansas in 1872.

To those planning to go to the convention at San Antonio by bus The Baptist Record wishes to call attention to the Tri-State Bus Line. We believe in helping folks who help us. The Tri-State Bus Lines are the only railway or bus lines that advertise with us. They have been regular advertisers for more than seven years, and things being equal, we feel that any of our readers will be only returning good for good if they patronize the Tri-State Lines.

DUNCAN: Rev. Barney Walker will be with us for a ten days' meeting, beginning April 19.—H. J. Logan, pastor.

First Church of Sanford, N. C., which was his last pastorate, invited Dr. and Mrs. Walter M. Gilmore, publicity director of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, to take part in the dedicatory services held Sunday, April 12. This was their first visit to Sanford since they left the state twelve years ago.

At Holly Springs it is the pastor's custom to have a class of instruction for the candidates for baptism. This is a good practice, and many other pastors might use this plan to advantage.

### MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONTRIBUTIONS SHOW STEADY GROWTH

Month by month contributions of Mississippi Baptists have shown a steady growth, as the figures below show:

#### CONTRIBUTIONS:

October-March:	
1939-1940	\$135,741.52
1940-1941	165,477.83
1941-1942	261,264.49

These figures reveal the pleasing fact that receipts for October 1940 through March 1941 exceeded those of October 1939 through March 1940 by \$29,736.31. Even better were the next year's figures, for receipts for October 1941 through March 1942 were \$95,786.66 more than for October 1940 through March 1941.

### CONCERNING THE SAN ANTONIO CONVENTIONS

Austin Crouch

#### I

The Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will hold its fifty-fourth annual session in the auditorium, San Antonio, Texas, May 14, 1942.

The Southern Baptist Convention will hold its eighty-seventh session in the auditorium, San Antonio, Texas, beginning 9:00 A. M., Saturday, May 16 and closing at noon, Wednesday, May 20.

#### II

Article III of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention concerning messengers to the Convention is as follows:

"The Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of missionary Baptist churches co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention on the basis of one messenger for every church contributing to the work of the Convention and one additional messenger for every \$250 actually paid to the work of the Convention during the calendar year preceding the annual meeting of the Convention, such messengers to be appointed to the Convention by the churches and certified by the churches to the Convention, provided no church shall be entitled to more than ten messengers."

#### III

For the convenience of churches and messengers, the Executive Committee of the Convention has prepared Registration Cards for the certification by churches of messengers. These cards may be secured from the Secretary of your State Mission Board.

#### IV

For some years the railroads have not granted special reduced rates for conventions. The round-trip rates open to the public are on sale daily at all railroad ticket offices. It should be noticed that all railroad fares since February 10, 1942 have been increased 10 per cent and also that there is a 5 per cent tax on both railroad and Pullman fares.

I have been informed by the chairman of the Southwestern Passenger Association that holders of "Eastern and Southern clergy certificates respectively may purchase round-trip clergy tickets from those territories to San Antonio without the necessity of obtaining a Western certificate."

Persons planning to attend one or both of the conventions in San Antonio should consult their local ticket agent for up-to-date information in order to secure the type of transportation best suited to their needs.

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ATTENTION, RURAL PASTORS: The following paragraph regarding the Southern Baptist Convention is self-explanatory: "I went down to San Antonio last week to arrange for the care of our rural pastors during the convention who may be able to attend. Some of the pastors said they would be willing to give the use of their Educational Building for lodging to those who may be able to bring cot and bedding, without expense. The committee also informed me that they would have as many rooms as needed in the smaller hotels and private homes at \$1.00 per day, which seems very reasonable when San Antonio is already crowded with soldiers and their families."

Brother Chester Moulder is highly pleased with results of a recent ad in The Baptist Record. He writes that within thirty days after the book, "Dan Moulder, the Flaming, Untiring Country Preacher," came from the press, more than 600 copies had been sold.

First Baptist Church of Canton contributed over \$100.00 a week to missions during the first fourteen weeks of this year.

### HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

We had the opportunity during the evangelistic conference at Clinton last week to do some work in the historical collection at the Mississippi College library, filing all associational minutes and other matter sent in during the past several months. We want to thank all who are cooperating in this matter, and ask that every one who can help to assist us in completing our files and keeping them up to date. We need the following associational minutes:

Alcorn County: 1926 to 1934; 1937, 1939 and 1941.  
Bay Springs: 1920, 1927 to 1941.  
Benton County: 1926, 1928 to 1934, 1936 to 1941.  
Bolivar County: 1936, 1939, 1940, 1941.  
Calhoun County: 1926, 1930, 1932 to 1941.  
Carroll County: 1924, 1925, 1926, 1928, 1933, 1934, 1937, 1939 to 1941.  
Chickasaw County: 1920, 1921, 1928 to 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941.  
Choctaw County: 1930.  
Clarke County: 1939, 1940, 1941.  
Columbus Baptist Association: 1927 to 1938, 1941.  
Copolah County: 1934 to 1940.  
Covington County: 1926, 1933, 1934, 1939, 1940, 1941.

Whosoever can supply any of these associational minutes, please send them to me or to the Mississippi College library, Clinton, Miss.

Very sincerely,

J. L. BOYD, Secretary-Treasurer,  
Baptist Historical Society.

Meridian, Miss.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Dr. J. L. Johnson, of Mississippi Woman's College, writes concerning Mrs. Theodosia Lewis, who had recently passed away.

Miss Lois Buckley of Pinola enrolled in Woman's College. She made student No. 300.

J. D. Quinnelly of Shubuta tells of a new kind of Easter egg hunt. The children were served ice cream and cake and instead of hunting eggs they were asked to bring eggs for a missionary box. They rolled in twenty dozen eggs.

W. M. U. Rally Day services were held at Hopewell Church in Copiah County on March 23. The report said that Miss Lackey, who attended, not only had the work of the Union on her heart but also on her tongue.

Standard Sunday Schools in 1917 are reported as follows: Main Street, Hattiesburg; First, Winona; Oxford; Shubuta; First, Hattiesburg; Columbia; Immanuel, Hattiesburg; Mt. Olive; Pontotoc; Collins; Calhoun City; Flora; First, Brookhaven.

Gold Seal holders in Mississippi are listed as follows: N. R. Drummond, Columbia; Miss Jennie Watts, Columbia; Rev. T. A. J. Beasley, Ecu; Mrs. J. B. House, Indianola; Mrs. Ada K. Brown, Pontotoc; Miss Kate Brown, Pontotoc; Miss Minnie Brown, Pontotoc; Miss Sadio Lee Crausby, Pontotoc; Mrs. Leslie Lyon, Pontotoc; Mrs. R. B. Patterson, Pontotoc; Mrs. J. M. Pritchard, Pontotoc; Miss Sue Souter, Pontotoc; Rev. S. P. Norris, Poplarville; Miss Maud Darrington, Yazoo City.



# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

## OUR STATE OFFICERS

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From the By-Laws of Our Constitution we quote the following:

**ARTICLE XII.**—Delegates to Southwide W. M. U. Convention.

Delegates to the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union shall be elected from the list of those sending their names to State W. M. U. Headquarters office not later than two weeks prior to the annual meeting. The appointments shall be based on an equitable distribution according to districts and one delegate from each district shall represent Young People's organizations.

Please send your name to this office if you expect to attend the Southern Baptist Convention. We are entitled to fifty delegates and we hope we will be able to register our full quota of 50 women. Do this as soon as possible.

### Some Excerpts Gleaned From Our Convention Program

Southwide W. M. U. promised in 1940 to give one million dollars to the debt clearance of Southern Baptists by 1945. The past two years the average would have been \$400,000. We paid those two years \$328,975.06. Lacking only \$71,024.94, reaching the yearly average. However, we must remember we did not put our hands definitely to the task until May, 1940.

In ten ranking states for Southwide debt clearance, only nine are listed ahead of Mississippi: but for State debt clearance all states are below Mississippi, W. M. U.

Mrs. Carter Wright, W. M. U. Promoter for a debtless denomination has set a goal of 100 women in the South giving one thousand dollars each for our Southern Baptist Debts. Mississippi claims the first one of these thousand dollar women.

The State Executive Committee recommended to the W. M. U. Convention that we set a goal of an average of five centennial memberships in the One Hundred Thousand Dollar Club to each association in addition to what we are already doing. This was adopted by the Convention.

A centennial membership is the gift of \$100 between now and May, 1945. This can be taken by an individual, a group, a circle, a W. M. S. or an association.

Our devotional periods were highlights in our program. Each was built around our theme; "Bear Witness of the Light." Rev. W. B. Abel used as his text Mal. 4:2 "But unto you that fear my Name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings." He compared Jesus, the Son of Righteousness in the spiritual world to the sun in the physical world. He is the Universal Christ as the sun is universal. There is only one sun—there is only one Saviour of all the world. We can get along without many things but cannot get along without the sun, neither can we get along without Christ.

Mrs. Ida Stallworth's devotional each morning was around the subject "Light Reflectors". Quoting from her messages: "Even everyone that is called by my name, for I have created him for my glory." Some of us forget the excuse for which we are born. Our names are recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life for a purpose. A Christian has no light of his own but his light comes from God. We are lights to show the lost the way home. Her second message called our attention to II Cor. 3:18. She said we all live in glass houses. We are to reflect the light of Jesus. Only sin separates us and Christ.

Miss Mallory is always a benediction to each group of women to whom she speaks. Her first message, Press on to Full Growth, reminded us that God believes in growth, Jesus believes in

growth. She called attention to Peter's weaknesses when he was young in his Christian life. For instance, once he was almost drowned for lack of faith, once he almost lost his rank among the disciples when he denied his Lord. However, he grew and won 3,000 souls to Christ in one day, afterwards he wrote, "But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." She led us to see our opportunity to grow as we live in our W. M. U. fundamentals. God expects us to be full grown.

Her last message was on the "Sacrifice of Thanksgiving." Some are sacrificing to Gods of War but many are sacrificing to the God of Peace. Religion is living in touch, in tune, in time with God. We Christians are the results of someone else. Shall we pass it on?

Dr. Carpenter encouraged us by telling us that the Home Mission Board owes only about \$450,000 now and hopes to be debt free in another year and one half. He also said the Home Mission Board has the largest number of missionaries in the field now that it has ever had. He spoke of the work among the soldiers as being the broadest missionary effort we have ever made and the greatest missionary opportunity.

Mrs. Ira Marks introduced us to a very needy field when she told of 10,000 French people and of French descent living in houseboats and shacks on the river in Louisiana. Sixty to ninety per cent of these cannot write or read their names. She held us spellbound as she told of the response of these people to the Gospel and the blessings of the Lord upon their efforts, in the little brown church on the boat.

Mrs. Roswell told of the darkness and gloom of the Land of Palestine and showed the need of the light to dispel this darkness. She reminded us that all of us Christians should get out of our selfish selves to dark places of the earth to give this light. She made a very convincing statement when she said, God's lighting system is "Ye are the light of the world." The closer we live to Jesus the brighter we shine.

Miss Neal Young made us want to visit her garden in Africa with its 300 orchids and 65 rose bushes with the deer and partridges playing around in the Compound. Her vegetable garden planted with seeds of all kind from Hastings and her hundreds of trees planted by the King.

The dark picture flung on the canvass showed the fight the missionaries have to make against ignorance, polygamy, filth, disease and sin. However, she said she was never afraid because Jesus has never sent me anywhere, He always goes ahead of me.

### Welcome, W. M. U. of The South

San Antonio, the city that is different, opens wide her arms in true Texas hospitality to welcome the women who represent the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention as they come on May 13 to the fifty-fourth annual meeting.

In few other cities can be found the scenic charm, the quaint individualism or the historic interest of this city.

From a village of the Tejas Indians in 1691, San Antonio has grown to a modern metropolis.

In 1718 the Spanish viceroy established a presidio at San Pedro Springs which was the foundation of the present city.

In 1821 Moses Austin was granted permission by the Spanish government to bring an American colony to Texas and today a statue of this illustrious man stands on the grounds of the city hall of San Antonio.

The flags of Spain, France, Mexico, the Republic

of Texas, the Confederacy and the Union have floated over San Antonio in the past two centuries. The historic Alamo, shrine of Texas liberty, stands within a stone's throw of modern skyscrapers.

Flowing lazily and serenely through the business district of the city the San Antonio River winds its way. An old Spanish legend says, "He who drinks at San Antonio's River once, will drink of it again." So we, the women of the San Antonio Baptist Association, in bidding you welcome would say, "He who comes to San Antonio once, will come again."

We invite you to share with us our century-old missions; the Mexican quarter which is our missionary challenge; our modern churches and multitude of parks; the market-place and the chile queens; the army camp with its opportunities of service for Christ. All of these and many more things of beauty and romance await you in San Antonio.—MRS. W. P. COLEMAN, JR., PRESIDENT, SAN ANTONIO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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**Forest:** The Forest Baptist church has just completed a Study Course for all departments of the B. T. U. and in many respects it was the best that we have ever had. The Juniors studied the book, "The Junior and His Church", which was taught by the Pastor, Rev. B. W. Walker. Their average attendance was 41. The Intermediates studied "The Meaning of Church Membership," which was taught by Miss Stogner. Their average attendance was 27. The Seniors studied "More Than Money," and this was taught by Mrs. W. H. Thompson. Average attendance 21. The Adults studied "Our Lord and Ours," and Mr. F. L. Koker was the teacher. The greatest number attending at any one night was 126. The spiritual life of the church was greatly strengthened and lively interest awakened.—H. C. Anderson, Church Reporter.

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### PEARL RIVER COUNTY BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE ORGANIZED

The Pearl River County Baptist Pastors' Conference was organized recently. The meetings are held monthly on Monday after the second Sunday at the First Baptist Church, Picayune. The meeting lasts for two hours and then the pastors adjourn for lunch together at one of the cafes of the city. The meetings have been well attended and are doing much to help along with the Associational work.

Dr. O. P. Estes, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Picayune, was elected as president of the Conference. J. D. Griffin, pastor of the Goodyear Church, Picayune, was chosen as secretary. The program committee is made up of Rev. James Horton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Poplarville, as chairman, Dr. O. P. Estes and J. D. Griffin.

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**GLOSTER:** We have just closed a very gracious meeting. M. E. Perry led the singing and the pastor did the preaching. Our people were revived and souls were saved during these glorious days. We believe a great revival is coming. I enjoy the visit of The Baptist Record and think you are giving us a fine paper.—C. Lee Bullard.

**Evangelist Selsus E. Tull of Hazlehurst, Mississippi,** closed a two weeks' revival on Easter Sunday with the Park Memorial Baptist Church of Houston, Texas, of which Dr. W. L. Shuttleworth is the pastor. The meeting resulted in 60 additions to the church and many reconsecrations. This was Dr. Tull's second engagement with this great church and noble pastor.

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**Panola Baptist Church observed Loyalty Week** April 13-17. Those assisting Pastor Guy A. Little in this work were Rev. B. E. Phillips, Rev. G. O. Parker, Rev. C. C. Jones, Rev. Wilson Bogan and Rev. A. B. Pierce.



## Baptist Training Union

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### Mrs. E. S. Cole to Be Approved Junior Worker For State

We are happy to announce that Mrs. E. S. Cole of Philadelphia has consented to be the state approved Junior worker. Mrs. Cole is especially fitted for this Junior work, having given much of her time to the work among the Juniors in her own church. She knows them and loves them. She also knows Training Union work and will be a great help to all leaders who will give her an opportunity to serve them. One of her opportunities will be through the Associational Junior leaders. Periodically these Associational leaders will receive a letter with other helps from Mrs. Cole, with the thought that these Associational leaders will be a larger blessing to the Junior Union work in the Association. She will help us with conferences in our conventions, and occasionally will be available for enlargement campaigns. These approved workers are volunteers, giving their time without pay. It is a labor of love. We now have three of these workers, Mrs. Earl Clark of Jackson, approved Story Hour leader; Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds of Blue Mountain, approved Intermediate leader; and Mrs. E. S. Cole of Philadelphia, approved Junior leader. We will add leaders for the other departments later.

### Cleo Harris in Denver

Mr. Cleo Harris will be remembered by many, young and old, in Mississippi. He was one of the finest young men we have been privileged to have attend Mississippi College. All during his college days he was busy for the Lord. Every summer he spent his time in youth revivals, and so was in many of our churches. He answered the call of his country last fall and is now in training in Lowry Field, Denver, Colo. A recent card from him says, "Things are still going fine with me." Some of you may want to drop him a card, or better still, a letter. If so, address him A/C James C. Harris, Jr., Lowry Field, Denver, Colo.

Programs for the District Conventions are about ready. This year we are going to have these meetings in July, beginning July 1st and running through the 17th. Watch this department for announcements, and the

mails a little later for special announcements. You will be glad you gave the day if you attend one of these helpful meetings.

### Linn Church Has First B. T. U. Study Course

Congratulations are in order to the Linn Church, Sunflower County. They have recently conducted a study course for their unions, the first one for them. We are indebted to Miss Clarice Conner for the report. Another sign of progress is the request of the Bible readers leader, William Embry, for tracts to be distributed among the members. Brother Walter Price is the beloved pastor of this church and is leading them in a fine way.

May 3-10 is Christian Home Week. We have a helpful leaflet about it, and will be glad to send it upon request. Thursday night of the week is HOME NIGHT, with the idea of the entire family staying home and enjoying each other.

### Union County Has Successful Meeting

Wallerville was the place, and the association was the mass meeting of the Union County Associational Training Union. One hundred and forty-five, representing six Training Unions were present. At this meeting the elimination contests were held, and representatives selected for the District Convention that meets, for that district—District Five—in Pontotoc, July 6th. Those chosen were, Story Hour, Frances Rogers, of Wallerville; Junior, Bess Ann Smith, first place and Lulu Cork and Betty Hale tied for second place, all of New Albany; Intermediate, Dick Miller, first place, and Sarah Grace Burgass, second place, both of Myrtle; Young People, Helen Smith, of New Albany, first place, and Lois Callicut of Glenfield, second place. District President J. B. Parker of Ripley brought a splendid message on GIVING CHRIST OUR BEST. A special song was rendered by the Live Wire Juniors of New Albany. Brother Clark Rakestraw led the singing and Rev. Percy Ray led the devotional, with Brother John Miller leading the prayer. We are indebted to Mrs. Van

### DO WE?

Jesus said—"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."

But there is a wide difference between confessing and professing. One may have any number of churches or any church (profess salvation), and go straight on to perdition.

Jesus said: "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say." Jesus said to the religious leaders (loud professors) of His day, "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how shall ye escape the damnation of hell?" Why beg people to join a church, as if that even might save them; or as if that were necessarily confessing Christ? Plead with the unsaved by work and word to repent and believe the gospel. Spend much time in secret on our knees—first that we who know Christ may let God have His way with us; then for our fellow-laborers and that unsaved may accept Christ, and God be glorified.

Answering some disciple's question as to why they could not cast out a certain demon, Jesus said in part, "This kind can come forth by nothing but prayer and fasting." "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

"Pray without ceasing."

J. S. McNEAL, M. D.,  
Mantee, Miss.

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### SOME THINGS I WANT TO KNOW:

In Gen. 10:25 we are told about one Peleg; "for in his days was the earth divided." And again in I Chron. 1:19, we are told of the same man, "because in his days the earth was divided."

Now I have a very limited education and I am writing this to get someone that understands this to explain to me what it means by stating "the earth was divided."

Now I'll state what I think about it, and if I am wrong I want someone to set me right.

Between Alaska and Russia is the Bering Sea. I believe that up to the days of Peleg our two hemispheres were all together in one piece. And after a long time the waters of the Arctic Ocean cut a little rill and it got started and now it is several miles wide. And profane history tells us that when Christopher Columbus came over on his voyage of discovery he found a race of people here; he thought he had struck the coast of India, and he called them Indians.—G. W. Robinson, Holly Springs, Miss., Route 1.

Russell, Associational BTU Secretary, for this splendid report.

### Hundreds of Mississippi Baptists Will Be Interested in This Bit of News

Miss Almata Reeves, known to hundreds of Mississippi Baptists because of her efficient services with the Training Union Department for six or seven summers as she gave her time and talent to the Lord in this particular field, will be married next Sunday (April 19, 1942) to Rev. George Alexander Nichols. The Lord has not a more zealous, efficient and dependable servant than Miss Reeves has been. She has worked in season and out of season for Him for the joy of it and for the glory she could bring to His name as she helped others find the better way of life. George—well, we do not know so much about him! We met him last summer at Ridgecrest, and rated him "O. K." and we can take Almata's judgment as being safe and sound. Our congratulations to him and our good wishes to them for a long, happy and useful life.

—BR—

Remember the children of the Baptist Orphanage with an offering on Mother's Day, May 10th.

### A BAPTIST FOUNDATION IN MISSISSIPPI AS ADVOCATED BY BROTHER C. J. OLANDER

(Continued from Page Five)

them as designated by the donors." The only logical conclusion that can be drawn from Brother Olander's language is that our present Boards of Trustees "are not in a position to receive and administer them as designated by the donors." Our Boards are in a position to do so, and are doing faithfully just what Brother Olander says the foundation would do. He says: "There are many Mississippi Baptists ready to make gifts now." I sincerely hope he is correct. If he is not just guessing he knows who and where these "many Mississippi Baptists" are.

Just here let me suggest that he (1) personally make a thorough and searching investigation of what our present Boards have done and are doing in the administration of trust funds. (2) If he finds that trust funds have been administered honestly, faithfully, and economically, then report the result of his findings to the "many Mississippi Baptists who are ready to give." (3) Ask them to make the same investigation he did; (4) explain to them that if they give to a Baptist Foundation their funds will be administered at considerable cost; (5) if they commit their money to our Boards it will be just as honestly, faithfully and economically administered as if committed to a foundation and at no cost whatever.

Let me say in conclusion, that I hope Brother Olander will not keep the names of the "many Mississippi Baptists, who are ready to give now" all to himself. He will do the cause of Christ and future generations a valuable service if he will give the names and addresses of these MANY prospective givers to the heads of our several Mississippi Baptist institutions, that they may be contacted for gifts to our institutions which are richly deserving, eminently worthy, efficiently managed, serviceable to the last degree and yet in need of funds to multiply their service and usefulness.

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# SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY ALUMNI AND FRIENDS TO HAVE BANQUET

Arrangements have been made for the annual convention banquet to be held in the dining room of the First Baptist Church of San Antonio on Monday, May 18th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p. m. Tickets will be eighty-five cents, and due to the limited amount of room in the church basement, advance tickets are to be sold at the Seminary booth which will be set up in the Exhibit Room of the Convention hall.

Dr. R. C. Campbell, former Executive Secretary of the Baptist work in Texas and now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina, will be the principal speaker at the banquet.

Dr. James A. Howard of Columbia, South Carolina, is the Southwide alumni president.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southwestern Seminary, will also briefly address the group.

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# THE NEED OF PRAYER

Prayer is our great need today; we have so much of everything else; so little of prayer. Failure is always the certain lot of every Christian who leaves prayer out of his life. There goes the promising youth, who has education, good manners, ambitions, high purpose, and moral attitude. But, does he or she pray? Are we as Christians praying for them? Can the young people today go through this time of temptations and struggles of life as it is today without God, our prayers and our help? The answer to these questions will determine destiny; all the other qualities are essential, but they are not enough. He or she must know God in prayer, and must commune with God if they are to be followers of God.

I fear we fathers and mothers fail to pray with and for our children in our homes as we should. My mother's prayers have been a help to me all through the years of my life, although she passed on years ago to be with Jesus. We as fathers and mothers should not forget to teach our children and young people the blessedness of prayer. Mothers and fathers the country over are weeping their hearts out over their children. They are working and sacrificing to buy them fine clothes, to furnish them comfort, to provide them with material blessings, and it is well to do this, to some extent. But are we doing the most needful thing? The most needful thing is teaching them the way of God; living lives before them that some day they too shall live; praying with them each day.

We are living in a time when we Christian people should pray and work for God as never before. Thousands of our men and boys are spending day and night on the battlefield fighting against what? Hitlerism, dictatorship and for

our great Democracy. I think if we ever needed prayer, it is now—pray for God's protection of our country and our beloved boys and men.

Our God is strong and mighty—we know that God can do anything. Does not the Bible in many places say that God is a mighty warrior, that none can stand before Him? We know Him to be the source of all good and we know that we have only to ask His protection to have it.

Every step we take, everything we do, God sees and knows about it. But, thank God, we can lift up our voices to God and ask Him to help us to tread the path He would have us go. God's ears are open to trusting hearts at all times. No night may be so dark, so dreary, so dismal; no day be so blinding in its treacherous ways, but that we may see the glory of the Lord. We are often separated from our friends and loved ones, because the duties of life call them away somewhere else. But blessed thought it is, God will go with them. He will not forsake us. He will answer our prayers if we will only ask Him and believe when we pray. Let us ask for God's guidance and to give us liberty, justice, righteousness and "peace" to be established through all the world in the name of Jesus Christ and to "let our light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven."

MRS. ERNEST STRINGER.

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Dr. Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, reports the following receipts from Mississippi for March: Co-operative Program, \$3,316.19; Designated Funds \$2,347.87; Hundred Thousand Club, \$1,725.35. Total receipts from Mississippi were \$7,389.41.

## Touching the Bases

In the Bible, Psalm 107:33, we read: "He turneth the rivers into the wilderness and the water springs into dry grounds."

In a current magazine we read, "The Jap attack in Australia was apparently stalled. In New Guinea the rains came, a twenty-inch fall in the Markham valley driving the Japs back twenty-seven miles. Australians state that the valley will be a lake for several months. We remember that General MacArthur asked for prayers. The American Legion asked for prayers and that millions of Christians pray daily. II Chronicles 7:14. "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray. . . ."

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"This is not merely a war of money, muscle and steel for an earthly prize, but a war between God and Lucifer for the spiritual supremacy in the souls of men. To be victorious, our flesh must go to the Cross of Christ."—Chief of Chaplains.

JACKSON, Sunday, April 12—We were present at 10:00 a. m. at the Jackson Air Base Chapel religious service. After the Chaplain's sermon, "Prepare to Meet Thy God," a soldier gave his life to Christ. At 11:00 a. m. we attended Calvary Baptist Church worship; at 2:30 p. m., First Baptist Church, Associational B. T. U. meeting; 7:30 p. m., Parkway Baptist Church worship. Certainly this is the House of Beauty as well as the House of Friendship. At 8:30 p. m., First Baptist Church, Fellowship period for soldiers was attended and at 10:45 p. m. home, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20.

"CLOSED BY ORDER OF POLICE AUTHORITIES." Just a sign which told its own story, in front of a leading Jackson picture show after a brief Sabbath opening. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Exodus 20:8. In ordinary places, soldiers go wrong because the doors of Christian hospitality are closed against them, while the doors of evil places are always wide open. Let Baptists and all Christians see that the proper doors are taken off the hinges, while other doors are kept sealed in Mississippi. Proverbs 5:8.

COLUMBUS—"An average of thirty soldiers a day visit our Recreational Rooms and we have an average of one hundred fifty at our worship periods on Sunday."—Dr. J. D. Franks, pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbus.

GREENVILLE—Some of the army air corps flying school personnel also like to sing. A few lines from there—"And their singing was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, judging from the wholehearted co-operation they got in singing around the piano for two or three hours."—The Greenville Post.

MERIDIAN—The U. S. O. (United Service Organization) building here has a small chapel in it, strictly for religious services. Fully equipped with pews, pulpit, song books, tracts and New Testaments. This is used to good advantage and as far as we have observed it is the only one in Mississippi. Everywhere service men are getting a break. (1) Free postage for letters and cards mailed from post offices in army, navy and marine bases. Air mail letters still require six cents postage. Post cards are not accepted for delivery to military men in the Far East and Australia. (2) A bill to increase pay before Congress, passes Senate 74-0. Sent to House for action.

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By  
BRACEY CAMPBELL

Lesson For April 26  
WAYSIDE CONVERSATIONS  
Text: Luke 13:22-35

Motto Text: Luke 14:27. "Whosoever doth not bear his own cross, and come after me, can not be my disciple."

What do you mean, "Bear his own cross"? I have oceans of troubles. But your personal troubles are not your cross, if they come into your life without your wishin gthem. Your rheumatism, your poverty, your dependent ones, your ungrateful friends—none of these things. But what burdens have you shouldered? What hard things have you deliberately undertaken for Him? What are you denying yourself that you may the better serve Him? His cross was borne for you. Your cross must be something borne for Him.

I. Question And Answer. Luke 13:22-30.

Our Lord was on the last journey to Jerusalem, going on from village to village, apparently taking all the towns and cities in this last journey.

1. The Question.

"Are there few that be saved?" How would it profit us or anyone else to know how many saved people will be in the judgment, or how many human inhabitants will heaven have when all the saved are in? It is one of those questions the answer to which would make no practical difference in our lives, but which men are fond of asking out of a love of speculation. It is so much easier to discuss such questions than it is to do the things which will minister an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom. We need to get our religion down out of the clouds, away out of the fog, and live it for God. That is why Jesus gave the sort of answer He did. There are things in religion so much more important than the discussion of this sort of question that this sort of grows pale and vanishes in the presence of the more important. Of course every believer will be saved.

2. The Answer.

"Strive to enter in by the narrow door. Jesus does not answer the question, though He knows the answer; because the answer is one it were not best for men to have. Let man concern himself with a problem more important. This is the question all-important to the individual man: "Are you saved?" Along with such questions as: How do you know you are saved? Does the way you feel and the way you think lead you to believe that you are saved? What do you love to discuss with your friends, and what do you love to do? Do those things have anything to do with your assurance of salvation? Concern yourself with the matter of making your calling and election sure. Do you love to see the lost of the world saved? If you do not love to see them saved, if you are indifferent about the matter, what does this state of indifference have to do with your assurance of salvation? Anything? If you are not willing to do anything to assist another in finding the Lord, are you sure that you are saved? "Strive

to enter," agonize to enter, make effort to enter in. "But salvation is a gift!" So indeed it is; but so also is life a gift, though the man who does not struggle to make his life count lives a life that does not count. Adam had the world given to him, but he was told that he must master his gift, subdue it, establish and maintain mastery over it, cultivate it, keep it; and all this requires effort. The Christian life is not and can not be an effortless existence. Salvation is a gift, but the recipient of this free salvation is told to "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling," and this commandment stands sure.

3. The Tragedy of Too Late. Vv. 25-27.

While we are not to try to make the tragic words of these verses say more than they do, it is important that we allow them to say all they want to say. There is a something in some natures which makes them regard a blessing lightly as long as it is easily obtainable, but which leads them to want it as soon as it becomes hard to get. You've noticed that. A little while ago I was bothered because I was about to have to lock up my car for lack of tires, and I rushed around trying to buy a second-hand casing. Then I found I could get new tires to use in my ministerial work, and I am now quite content to use my old ones a bit longer. I am praying every day for a big, fine chap who needs salvation and, I am sure, would be very greatly distressed if he knew he was shut out, but now he seems to care little about it, is almost wholly unconcerned.

Now, the master of the house does finally rise up and shut the door. The day of opportunity does wane to darkness. Woe to him who is outside when the door is shut! Woe to him who lets the nightfall of lost privilege close down upon him! It is too late then to speak of privileges once enjoyed, of opportunities past forever.

4. Torments of the Banished. V. 28.

Read the verse. I wonder what hotter fire hell has in it than the memory of chances wantonly thrown away and never to be found again. Again I tell you this is the literal truth. There is no such thing as a repetition indefinitely of the same chance to do something worth while. Other chances may come, but the same one never does. Each day closes its accounts with the evening, and though the next day may bring another chance, it never brings the same one. The torture of the memory of chances neglected to the eternal hurt of the negligent is painful beyond all description. Yet this is not all. "Yourselves cast forth." What is out there where men are at last cast forth? The heart of the sensitive faints under the burden of the realization. What is out there is so terrible that the mind can not conceive it.

II. Compulsion of a Stout Resolve. Vv. 31-33.

1. The Fox Stalks His Prey.

Read the passage. Herod would gladly have killed the Lord. "Get thee out, and go hence: for Herod would fain kill thee." "Get away from here: Herod would be glad to kill you." Jesus' friends evidently thought Herod was laying plans to kill Jesus, and they had reason for their belief in this matter. Herod the

### EAST MOSS POINT

We have recently concluded a most successful B. T. U. Training Course of study. Rev. V. C. Windham taught "The Plan of Salvation," to the Adults and Young People. Rev. Jewell Golmon taught, "Witnessing for Christ," to the Intermediates, while the pastor taught "Bible Heroes" to the Juniors. Out of fifty-two enrolled in the study course, forty-nine took the test and made good grades.

Our revival will begin Sunday, April 26, and continue through Wednesday evening, May 6. Rev. L. W. Ferrell, pastor of Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, Miss., will preach for us, while Brother Joe Hudson, from Baasfield, will direct our song service.

MONTIE DAVIS, Pastor.

fox was stalking his prey. So the friends of the intended victim come and tell Him to get out of the way. To them He made answer meet, "Say to the fox," tell that sly, slinking, cruel and crafty, furtive and foxy fellow that I shall continue through today and tomorrow to do my work in my way. Hell could not destroy our Master till His work on earth was done and, knowing this, He was utterly contemptuous of threat from Herod.

2. Obligation. V. 33.

"I must go on my way today and tomorrow." "I must." "I must." Have you thought of God as of one who does not have to do anything? Listen to Jesus saying, "I must." "I cannot avoid it, I have to do it, I am bound to go through with it." Are there things you must do? There are duties you are bound to do, if you would make your service at all worthy of Him. Do those duties, you must!

### GOODYEAR SUNDAY SCHOOL REACHES STANDARD

The Goodyear Baptist Sunday School, Picayune, under the leadership of Supt. W. B. Boatner and Pastor J. D. Griffin, has succeeded in reaching the standard for 1942. The award was recently granted by the Sunday School Board. The enrollment of the school is 234.

Other officers and teachers of the Sunday School are: M. E. Brooks, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Nannie Lott, Beginners; Roy Daniels, Primary boys; Mrs. Oscar Holston, Primary girls; A. C. Runnels, Junior boys; Mrs. Eugene Curet, Junior girls; Saxon Riley, Intermediate boys; Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Intermediate girls; Mrs. J. D. Griffin, young ladies; Mrs. Maude Boatner, Home-makers; J. D. Griffin, young married men; Mrs. T. B. Ellis, Adult women, and Archie Dossett, Adult men.

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Recent visitors to The Baptist Record office include the following: Rev. R. H. Daniel, Ludlow; W. E. Turner, Ludlow; Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Clinton; C. D. Matthews, Star; Rev. A. A. Ward, Lena; W. G. Mize, Jackson; Rev. C. Z. Holland, Canton; Rev. Levon Moore, Clinton; Rev. O. P. Moore, New Augusta; Frank Skilton, Blue Mountain; Rev. and Mrs. John Allen Moore, Tupelo; Rev. I. F. Metts, Jackson.

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# **WE SHALL BUILD ON!** George W. Sadler, Secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East Foreign Mission Board

**"We Shall Build On!"**  
"On through the cynic's scorning,  
On through the coward's warning,  
On through the cheat's suborning,  
We shall build on!"

**"Firm on the Rock of Ages,  
City of saints and sages,  
Laugh while the tempest rages,  
We shall build on!"**

It would be difficult to find a happier expression of the attitude of the Foreign Mission Board than the above lines which the late Student Kennedy has given us.

## **At the Base**

Since his return from Honolulu, Dr. Charles E. Maddy has spent much time making preparation for launching the Emergency Campaign. This has involved days and nights of traveling, long periods of planning and many hours of writing special articles. In addition to this extra work, he has found time to edit **THE COMMISSION**, speak at churches and various district-wide and state-wide conventions, correspond with missionaries and give general direction to the work of the Board.

The Secretary for the Orient, Dr. M. T. Rankin, has been a prisoner of war in Hongkong since December, 1941. He has been circumscribed but we are confident that he has been praying and planning in connection with the China of the future. In a recent cablegram Dr. Robert E. Beddoe says: "Rankin appeals South support enlarged program West China."

The Secretary for Latin-America, Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., has, since coming to Richmond at the beginning of the year, devoted most of his time to acquainting himself with the personnel of our missionary force in Latin-America and studying the possibilities of expansion in that region. Dr. Gill will fly from Miami on April 10, beginning an itinerary of the countries of South America that will require about five and a half months.

Speaking in many parts of the South, directing the deputation work of the Board, establishing and maintaining contact with the State Department, giving attention to correspondence, are some of the activities that have occupied the time of the Secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East.

Mr. E. P. Buxton, the treasurer, and his faithful helpers have carried on effectively despite the added burdens that have come in connection with frozen funds, closed treasuries, divided families and special offerings.

Miss Nan F. Weeks, Miss Mary M. Hunter, Miss Lucy E. Smith, Miss Gene Newton and their associates have been "building on" in their creative, editorial and promotional work.

## **Among the Constituency**

Seminary and college presidents, state and W. M. U. secretaries, editors of denominational papers, pastors, professors, members of the laity—all seem to recognize that they are parts of this building program. Their co-operation

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has been and is inspiring and reassuring.

In all the institutions we have visited recently we have found scores of the most gifted of our youth asking that they be privileged to participate in the program of building a better world. Some of them are ready now to enter upon missionary careers and others will be ready when they complete their courses.

A college president and the members of his faculty are talking in terms of inspiring, training and sending forth from their institution one hundred young persons who will accept the responsibility of becoming builders in the blighted areas of the earth when the fires of war shall have died down.

The women have shown their determination to build on the Rock of Ages by contributing through their Lottie Moon offering about \$445,000.00.

These others—men and women, boys and girls—have gone so far in recognizing their responsibility that during the month of March of this year, they gave \$15,000.00 more through the Co-operative Program to Foreign Missions than they gave during the corresponding period of 1941. This does not take into account the thousands of dollars that were designated for relief and other worthy objects.

## **At the Outposts**

One of the most faithful of our Board's missionaries wrote some time ago: "I would like to run away; but I can't. I am a prisoner of Jesus Christ; held by His sacrifice, by His love, by His grace, by His tender compassion and by His immutable call to service."

The probability is that many others of these bond-servants wanted to get away but they just couldn't. They felt that if they ran away they couldn't be worthy of the suffering Saviour whose servants they had become. So they remained amidst the danger and devastation and death, counting their lives not dear unto themselves.

Another wrote: "Our opportunities for work are marvelous. How we wish that many of our folks could have gone over in Free China, but the Lord may have work for them where they are, and they may have special blessings of which we cannot know."

Still another declared: "But over against the inconveniences of the war, there stands the glorious opportunity of preaching the gospel—an opportunity that is so abundant here. For five months we have continued, day by day, our evangelistic meetings. We are now preaching twice daily. The people still come eagerly to hear, and the responses are most glorious. Yesterday there were about fifteen in our noonday meeting who made profession of their faith in their Lord."

Yet another said: "It is a glorious privilege to be here. The opportunities are great."

Even from militarily-mad Tokyo, Maxfield Garrott cabled: "Happy—profitably interned."

From impoverished Spain Pastor Samuel Vila wrote, on February 7 to say among other things: "God is blessing us in the meantime in home services and personal work for the stimulation of Christian piety. I think you will be interested to see the cards that our Christian youth printed a few weeks ago to promote Bible and religious reading among themselves. We had never seen our youth so enthusiastic for deepening their own spiritual life and to win others for Christ. At the New Year's midnight service in my own home I had the joy to see five people give their hearts to Jesus Christ. Others are being saved, one by one. Our budget goal for 1941 has been surpassed so that our goal for 1942 is one thousand pesetas more. More than one-third of it has been employed in relief work among Christians, here as well as in Madrid and Valencia."

## **Lest We Forget**

Dr. M. S. Bates, formerly a faculty member of the University of Nanking, now consultant of the International Missionary Council, wrote recently: "Funds can currently be sent to Free China without difficulty, and the medical mate-

## **For Victory**



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rials on hand or on the roads from upper Burma will cover many needs until the projected new highways and air transport from India, or the hoped-for reopening of the lost routes, remedy the most urgent shortages in those items which must be imported.

"The great efforts of the Chinese through family aid, private philanthropy and government undertaking are now faltering after five years of depletion. British help, generously maintained until yesterday, is perforce curtailed. This natural, this inevitable expression of Christian brotherhood in and through the whole fabric of missionary enterprise in China depends henceforward upon the churches of North America."

Speaking to the Christian students of the University of Cincinnati recently, Mr. Roland Elliott told of the desperate need of food in France. He is quoted as having said: "A ten cent hamburger has as much bread as the French get in a day, more meat than they get in a week, and more butter than many get in a year." The report said: "He told of students whose teeth are loose, whose eyes will not focus, whose minds will not concentrate because they lack essential vitamins. He saw babies in a maternity hospital in France that were the shape of babies yet looked like wrinkled old men."

In a later article we shall tell what our Board has done to meet the needs of the peoples of China and Europe. Suffice it to say, about \$56,000.00 has been forwarded to Dr. R. E. Beddoe and more than \$26,000.00 deposited with the State Department in recent weeks.

## **We Shall Build On!**

**GREENVILLE, First Church:** We are already seeing results from the recent B. T. U. Training School conducted by our own members for our people. About one hundred qualified for awards.—Reporter.

**CANTON: Envelope contributions** for the first quarter amounted to \$2,532.78, or a gain of \$609.07 over the same period last year.

## **"THE FULNESS OF THE GOSPEL"**

(Sermon delivered at Clinton, Miss., State Baptist Evangelistic Conference, March 23-26, 1942)

Text: Romans 15:29.

In the fifteenth chapter of Romans, the 29th verse, the Apostle Paul is answering an urgent appeal from a small group of Christians for his presence in Rome. This group of Christians wanted more of the good news, more of the gospel of the Word. He told them he would come after certain other missions, and that when he did come, he would come "in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ." He would not come as an apostle of the new day, spirit-less, luke-warm in devoutness, doubtful of the plans of God, shorn of the glory that was his as a follower of the cross. He would come, indeed, fully clothed with the power of the Spirit to encourage, to foster, to suffer, to die if need be, for the establishment of the New Testament church in Rome.

Paul well recognized that it was not altogether the crucifixion nor the atonement that infected the world with the gospel of Christ. The resurrection, the crowning glory of the prophets, the living Christ, alive from the dead, was the power-driven impetus that hurled its challenge into the ranks of a pagan and suffering people.

It was no little task for Paul for the reason that his route to Rome from Spain was a meandering one. His sort was not popular and his standards of social convention were strange. Nevertheless, here was the former student of Gamaliel, an insignificant little Jew, ended to win in the new life with Christ, going in the way of the Savior to save souls, to spread the good news, to plead, beg, implore, urge the fulness of the blessing in Christ as glorified; the adequacy of that gospel as a whole.

How well we ought to know the history of that epochal soul-winning mission to Rome. How well ought we, here in this conference of soul-winning activities to understand the hardships, the sacrifices, the scars, the tears, the heart-passions of this greatest of all evangelists. Paul went to Rome unheralded by popular acclaim; he had no medals of honor upon his breast to indicate his military prowess; Christ was sufficient. He had no legal credentials or mandates as an emissary of a world power; Christ was sufficient. He was not to meet a man of international repute in the middle of the sea to proclaim a charter of hope for sinful nations; Christ was sufficient. He didn't go in a dive bomber or airliner equipped with lethal weapons of defense and destruction; Christ was sufficient. Paul knew in the light of God's infinite mercy 'the news' he carried was that which was more powerful, more potent, more effective, more saving and more all-glorious than all the man-made devices, in a world lost in the law of sin. He knew that ec-



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